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■ DORCHESTER'S former Roman amphitheatre has been damaged by fire. Fire crews were called to the ancient monument at 11.30am on Sunday after neighbours dialled 999 to say that part of the eastern earth bank was ablaze. Beaters and a hose reel jet were used to put out the flames, which had started amongst cut grass, and covered an area of about 30 by 5 metres. It is not thought that the fire was started deliberately but a spokesman for the fire and rescue service said that a likely cause could have been a discarded cigarette butt

Concern for fisherman

RESCUE services were searching yesterday for a man who is thought to have gone missing while spear fishing off the Dorset coast.

When the *View From Dorchester* went to press, it was being reported that Andrew Scott, aged 27, from Winterborne Whitechurch, had left his home between 3pm and 4pm on Monday, but had not returned.

Dorset police were alerted at 8.55pm after a bag containing his belongings was found at White Nothe and his car was discovered parked at Ringstead Bay, five miles east of Weymouth.

Police were concerned that Mr Scott may have come to harm in the water and searches were carried out overnight, led by HM Coastguard. The Coastguard helicopter from Lee on Solent joined in the operation and at 2.10am on Tuesday morning the Swanage all-weather lifeboat also joined in.The search resumed on Tuesday morning.

Vandals destroy bench

VANDALS have smashed up a new picnic bench at Thorncombe Woods.

The bench, which was built by Rangers and volunteers, has been in place on the Black Heath area fo less than a month,

In a social media post to followers, the Ranger teams express what they describe as their "utter astonishment at the mentality of some individuals within our community".

They believe the attack must have been planned with the offenders using a sledgehammer.

The incident has been reported to the police who are keen to hear from anyone who knows about the attack.

Pay and dismay for beauty spot visitors

Trevor Bevins
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THE National Trust has defended its decision to impose 'pay to view' at a popular local beauty site.

To the anger of some visitors, the organisation has installed a parking meter at its parking area at Southdown, overlooking Ringstead Bay.

The car park is popular with ramblers, hang gliders, dog walkers and those who like to indulge in the time-honoured British habit of enjoying a picnic while taking in the view.

■ A NEW parking meter at Ringstead

There has never been a charge at the site before which only has a gravel track and grass parking area – apart from the addition of the new meter and a new signboard.

The meter was originally set at the wrong tariff, taken out of use for changes to be made, but has now been reinstated.

The National Trust says the parking charge is necessary to help pay for not only maintenance of the car park but the many paths which lead down to the Bay.

It is now hoping to take on a volunteer warden to ensure that people do pay.

The Trust has looked after the

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■ THE owner of Agincare, Derek Luckhurst, speaks to guests, top, at the official opening of the luxury apartments at Caissons' View, Crabbers Wharf, on Friday

New vision for Portland brings tourists and jobs

AN exciting project to transform the community of Castletown on Portland reached a major milestone on Friday.

In the latest phase of ambitious plans to regenerate the area, new tourist and business facilities have been unveiled – all of which will play a part in creating an impressive gateway to the island.

The development is the brainchild of Weymouth-born Derek Luckhurst, who also owns care provider Agincare, which is based in Castletown.

Mr Luckhurst told the *View From* this week: "This latest part of the development is spot on schedule. I am very satisfied with progress."

And Mr Luckhurst is delighted to be giving something back to the community where he grew up.

"I was born in Weymouth and several members of my family worked on the naval base. It was sad when the Navy moved out."

As owner and chairman of Agincare, which employs 3,000 people and is a £70 million concern, Mr Luckhurst was pleased to bring his company headquarters to Castletown. And Friday's unveiling of new apartments at Crabbers' Wharf brings more employment to an area that was hit hard by the decline of the dockyards. The regeneration initiative is especially dear to Mr Luckhurst's heart.

■ THE view from Crabbers' Wharf, where new apartments have been unveiled – and some have already been booked up

"Underhill is in the top 15 per cent of areas of multiple deprivation," he explained. "Some 50 per cent of children in Underhill are living in households that are officially below the poverty line. I'd like to do something to help reverse that trend.

"Clearly the local economy needs a boost. I do have an emotional attachment to this area and this project. You get to an age in life when you want to put something back – and my vision is to regenerate Castletown."

The Crabbers' Wharf development features 11 industrial units on the ground floor and nine luxury letting units on the first floor.

A convenience store has been integrated into the development as well as a tourist information centre. There is alo a Weymouth to Portland ferry.

Mr Luckhurst also described the work being done to create an underater curiosity park that he hopes will appeal to scuba divers from all over the country and no doubt further afield.

"25 artefacts are being sunk on the seabed to provide some real interest to sciba divers," he explained.

"One of the ideas behind Crabbers' Wharf is to bring the marine industry back to Castletown. Fishermen disappeared in this area about 30 years ago and Castletown has been under appreciated for decades. I hired a team to clear out all the debris from the harbour and from that we are already seeing fishermen returning regularly."

Museum's rare opportunities

DORSET County Museum is hosting a variety of events to mark the national Festival of Archaeology.

It will include a rare opportunity to tour the museum's archaeology store and see archaeology in action with the cleaning and the analysis of the skeleton of the Whitcombe Warrior.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for people to see a whole range of archaeological artefacts that aren't normally on display," said Jon Murden, Director of Dorset County Museum. "In the past these tours completely sold out as so many people were interested in coming along – we hope it will be even more popular this year. "

On Monday, July 17th, there will be guided tours of the Ancient Dorset Gallery at 11.00am and 2.30pm. There is no need to book, although normal museum admission charges with apply.

Tuesday 18th sees the museum open up its store at the redundant All Saints Church in High East Street, with tours at 10.30am, 12 noon, 1.30pm and 3.30pm. The event is repeated on Tuesday, July 25th.

Places are limited and must be reserved. Telephone 01305 756827 to book your place.

An objects identification 'surgery' is being held in the museum on Wednesday, July 19th, with experts David Ashford and Ciorstaidh Hayward Trevarthen, the Dorset Finds Liaison Officer. They will be available from 10am to 1.30pm in the museum library ready to help you identify your archaeological finds. There is no admission charge to this surgery but normal admission prices apply for entry to the museum's galleries.

Other events planned include guided tours of the Ancient Dorset Gallery on Friday 21st at 11am and 2.30pm – and on Monday, July 24th, you can watch Dr Clare Randall cleaning the Whitcombe Warrior, a rare example of a Late Iron Age burial which includes a sword. The Warrior was buried in a small cemetery near Whitcombe, just south of Dorchester, just before or around the time of the Roman invasion, in a style which is unique to Dorset and is associated with the local tribe, the Durotriges.

■ THE Whitcombe Warrior

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■ **DORCHESTER-based company David Upshall Insurance Services are working with Dorset Mind to expand their work in West Dorset. A reception was held at Kingston Maurward to announce these plans and over 50 of Dorchester's business community attended, raising over £2,000 for the charity. The evening, organised by David Upshall, included a speech from Dorset Mind's Patron Dr Andy Mayers, who outlined the proposed roll-out of services to West Dorset. He said: "I feel extremely passionate about supporting Dorset Mind and wish to leave a legacy for residents in Dorchester, to help local people with their mental health issues." Mr Upshall is pictured presenting a cheque to Dee Swinton, Dorset Mind's marketing and fundraising manager and Dorset Mind Patron, Dr Mayers**

■ **THE Dorchester winner of a Rotary writing competition has gone on to win the junior category in the regional heat. Tallulah Taschner, aged 11, from Sunninghill School, also received a 'Highly Commended' accolade in the Rotary International Britain and Ireland (RIBI) National competition. Tallulah attended the Rotary Youth Showcase event in Taunton to receive her awards and was also asked to act as 'reporter' for the event. She was presented with her awards by Immediate Past District Governor, John Butler (pictured). Another Dorchester award-winner was unable to be at the event, where he would have collected his award. Nik Jones won the District Young Chef, competition. The event included a violin performance by Cristina of a Sibelius piece and a debate in the Youth Speaks competition on: "History Repeats Itself" and "What's in a Name."**

Housing team achieve new training level

EIGHT staff from Dorchester based Magna Housing are celebrating having completed a major training milestone.

The group, who have achieved the ILM Level 3 award in Leadership and Management, have different roles across the whole organisation.

Ricky Stone was one of the group. He said: "We discussed management training at the interview I had for my current job so I signed up for this qualification. It was quite hard taking it all in and there was a lot to learn, but being part of a group really helped. It meant you could ask others what they thought about things and get help with the questions. Since doing the course I've learnt to assess things more and take a wider approach to the work I do."

Sarah Cartlidge, learning and development advisor, set up the training for the group.

She said: "We look after our staff in many ways, including investing in training, because happy staff give a better service to our customers. We decided to try the ILM Level 3 award in Leadership and Management as there were a number of employees who had discussed qualifications as part of their personal review discussions with their managers.

"We were really lucky that the tutor for the college we chose was able to come to Magna to deliver the eight half-day sessions. It meant that they didn't have to take so much time out of their day job to take part in the tutorials so they could still get other work done."

The group met with the tutor, Sue Barton, from Bridgwater & Taunton College, four times, with six to eight weeks between sessions to complete work. Sue took the group for every session and was also available between sessions for telephone and email support.

Sarah added: "Having done a qualification myself with the same college through a previous employer, I was confident in their ability to deliver a quality result."

Sue said: "I thoroughly enjoyed working with the learners from Magna Housing; they were a great group and worked well together. It was a pleasure to support them through their qualification to achieve their ILM Level 3 Award."

The group learned various skills to help them be better leaders, including solving problems and making decisions, understanding how to establish an effective team, understanding conflict management and organising and delegating in the workplace. Having completed these modules for the award, the candidates can also use the credits towards higher qualifications if they wish to.

Trust defends new meter at beauty spot

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area since 1949.

In a statement the National Trust told *View From Dorchester*: "More and more people are coming to Ringstead – delighting in its beautiful open spaces and enjoying some precious leisure time there.

"But to take care of this special place well into the future, the Trust needs to plan ahead and look after it carefully. Given the importance of the area, great care will be taken over any conservation of the land and protection of its wildlife…

"Many of those who enjoy Ringstead are already members of the National Trust and so actively support its work, but to help finance this future work non-members will be asked to pay a parking fee of 0.50p/hour. All the money given will go directly to support local conservation work."

Frequent visitor John White, from Castle Park in Dorchester, uses the site to park while enjoying a walk to Lulworth and back with friends: "I can see the point the Trust is making, but maintenance can't be costing much. It looks like just another exercise to increase its already substantial income.

"Many of the people who come here are pensioners, they just sit, maybe read the paper and enjoy the view. Some don't even get out of their cars. It will be hard on them."

Rob Rhodes, National Trust Countryside Manager in West Dorset, said that the Trust pays out £5,000 to £6,000 a year to maintain the area and points out that all the money collected from the machine will be spent in the area.

"Surely if people enjoy the place they wouldn't mind paying a bit for it?"

He says that the charges will be reviewed in the future and the effect of charging monitored: "We're committed to conserving and caring for Ringstead forever and for everyone. But if we do not act now Ringstead could become a victim of its own success – more and more people are choosing to visit which is terrific, but we still need to ensure that we have the funds available to protect this site and are able to carry out the necessary conservation work required," said Mr Rhodes.

"If we want everyone to enjoy this special place then we need to address the inevitable wear and tear and make Ringstead fit for the future and for future generations."

■ **A NEW parking meter at Ringstead**

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■ OVER 180 people took part in the annual Walk for Wards event run by the Dorset County Hospital Charity. The 5km walkers started at Weymouth's Alexandra Gardens and walked to Bowleaze Cove and back. They were set off by Lee Redwood, dressed in character as Demonia the Sea Witch, from the Pirates of the Pavilion summer show. Organisers hope the event will raise at least £10,000 for hospital wards and for the Cancer Appeal, which is supporting the provision of radiotherapy services in Dorchester. Simon Pearson, head of fundraising at the charity, said: "This has been a fantastic day for us and we are confident that we will get close to our target of £10,000 raised for the hospital and for the Cancer Appeal. The staff and the public have been very supportive and the response in Weymouth has been amazing."

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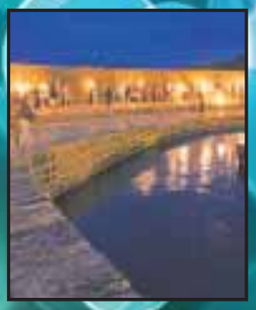

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Vital aid for children in need

DORCHESTER Beerex organisers have presented a £3,800 cheque to the Mosaic charity.

The money was raised at this year's Beerex held in Dorchester Corn Exchange in February. Mosaic specialise in one-on-one care for children who have suffered parental or close family bereavement via counselling; group activities or giving children a well-deserved break.

The money raised by Dorchester Beerex this year will go towards a residential weekend held later in the year where children who have been exposed to the loss of a loved one can directly mix and inter act with others in the same situation.

Mosaic chief executive Margaret Hannibal said: "The money raised will make a real difference to the residential weekend giving children the opportunity to meet others and share experiences, remembering loved ones but still having fun.

"By doing this it will help raise the child's self-esteem and reduce the chances of isolation. I would like to sincerely thank Dorchester Beerex for their generous donation."

The Beerex committee is made up of members of West Dorset Campaign for Real Ale and Dorchester Round Table.

West Dorset CAMRA press officer Rich Gabe said: "For me this represents what Dorchester Beerex is all about promoting real ale while helping those in need in our community. I would like to thank all of the customers who came along and helped make this donation possible."

■ **CHEERS: Beerex chairman Adrian Patterson and Beerex committee members present a cheque to Mosaic chief executive Margaret Hannibal**

Help for 'digital disadvantaged'

DORCHESTER Citizens Advice Bureau is asking local people to provide evidence of those who ae suffering what is being dubbed "digital disadvantage".

The charity fears that many people, especially older people and the less well off, are suffering because they are not equipped to deal with the increasing trend to use online services.

"Email and texts are replacing sending letters and people are encouraged to make contact with service providers online. It can suit some people who find it easier than making appointments, writing letters or telephoning but it can cause problems for others," said a group spokesperson. There are many who do not own a computer, have access to one or have the skills to use the internet and it can also be expensive. These people can be severely disadvantaged."

CAB advisors have personal evidence of significant delays in benefits, while some people have difficulty getting on the housing register.

The CAB has a questionnaire in its offices and its website and would also like to hear from people who have experienced problems. CAB can be contacted in Dorchester at 1 Acland Rd DT1 1JW – 01305 751514 – or by email at this address: *advice@dorchester.cabnet.org*

■ DORCHESTER'S very best triathletes will be lining up to take on the Dorchester 'Dash' Triathlon

Ready, steady... triathletes get set

AS Jonny Brownlee prepares to battle it out at the world's biggest Triathlon in Hamburg on Sunday, July 16, Dorset's very best triathletes will be lining up to take on the Dorchester Dash Triathlon.

This challenging endurance event is cinsidered a must do on the South West triathlon circuit, where seasoned athletes and novices compete on one of the most picturesque triathlon routes.

The race takes competitors through some stunning scenery and magnificent historic landscapes. Starting at DorchesterSports Centre's indoor 25m pool with a 400m swim, competitors then tackle a 24km cycling course which exits Dorchester via Poundbury and takes them to the summit of Hardy's Monument. Competitors then return to the centre, where the 5k run begins, taking in Maiden Castle, an Iron Age fort which dates back to 4000BC. Based at Dorchester Sports Centre on the Thomas Hardye School site, the centre offers those taking part in the race refreshments as well as use of the swimming pool, changing-rooms, toilets and showers.

Finishers' medals and goody bags will be provided, and there will be age group prizes. Minimum entry age is 16.

Entry fees – single entrants affiliated £35 and unaffiliated £40. Relay teams affiliated £45 and unaffiliated £50. 8am start; registration from 6.30am – *www.1610.org.uk*

Activities include a free swim splash session for participants and their families, plus refreshments van. The team from Wessex FM will also be broadcasting live from this event.

The event is kindly sponsored by Um Bongo and Blue Sky Running.

Conservationists spot water vole

DORSET Wildlife Trust has logged the sighting of a rare water vole on the River Cerne in Forston, near Dorchester.

It is the first recorded sighting for many years on the River Cerne, which runs into the River Frome.

An image of the water vole was captured on a wildlife trap camera by local resident, Gill Reece.

Gill said: "We moved here 10 years ago and have cared for and, we hope, improved the riverside habitat by adding native plants and trees. We've seen evidence of otters in recent years, and the icing on the cake now is the return of the water voles."

Nationally, the water vole is in decline due to a variety of reasons including predation by the American mink, and habitat loss. However, Dorset is bucking the trend and remains a stronghold for them.

DWT's River Catchment Team Manager, Amanda Broom, said: "It's such a joy to see this picture and know that our fantastic rivers and wetlands in Dorset are home to this captivating species. Water voles are under intense pressure from American mink and habitat loss, yet it shows with the right care by residents and landowners, water voles can still flourish."

Signs of the presence of water voles on a river include their droppings, which are small green pellets, feeding remains and burrows. If you see a water vole, or evidence of one please do not disturb it, and inform DWT via *enquiries@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk* or phone the Dorset Wild Rivers Team on 01305 264620.

WATER vole in Gillingham
Picture: Stewart Canham

Village hall hosts social gathering

STRATTON'S 'Coffee Shop' will be held in the village hall this Thursday, July 13th.

The event, which takes place in the Aylott Room, is a social event between 10.30am and noon, offering the chance to meet and make new friends.

On Sunday there will be a summer cream tea at St Mary's Church. This is a fundraising event organised by the Friends of St Mary's and will feature home-made produce and tea and coffee. It takes place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

On Tuesday 18th Stratton Parish Council meets in the Village Hall at 7pm. All Stratton residents are welcome to attend.

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High praise for academy head

FORMER chairman of Ofsted, Zenna Hopson, has praised acting principal Gary Spracklen for 'rapid and sustained improvement' of early years education at the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy.

The news comes after Mr Spracklen published data on the improvements the school has made over the past four academic years.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, learners at the academy have moved from being 27 per cent behind the national average Good Level of Development to exceeding the average in 2017.

Children are defined as having reached GLD at the end of the EYFS if they have achieved at least the expected level in their early learning goals in the prime areas of learning (personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language) and the early learning goals in the specific areas of mathematics and literacy.

Zenna, who also served as a non-executive director on the board of the Royal Navy for 10 years and chaired their audit committee, said: "To move from 33 per cent GLD to 74 per cent in three years shows the commitment of dedicated leadership and strong teaching.

"Gary and his team at IPACA should be proud of their achievements."

Mr Spracklen said: "I wish to thank Ben Page, Matthew Blanthorn and their teams and to Jackie Thomas for her leadership of the Early Years Foundation Stage at IPACA."

■ **TOP CLASS: Young members of the IPACA community celebrate their success**

Vote for share of treasure chest

DORSET Freemasons are urging the public to vote for local charities to have a share of £3 million.

An online public ballot is being held to decide which local charities will receive up to £25,000 each, as part of Freemasonry's 300th anniversary celebrations.

The charities that Dorset Freemasonry have selected for the public vote are: About Face, Veterans in Action, Mosaic and the Dorset Blind Association.

Anyone who wishes to vote for one of the nominated charities should visit the website *mcf.org.uk/community-awards-vote/* and then select the Dorset page and vote for the charity of their choice.

All the nominated charities are guaranteed to receive a grant, but the public vote will determine the amount from £4,000 up to £25,000.

The £3 million fund, which is being distributed to mark the 300th anniversary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717, is being administered by the Masonic Charitable Foundation and will be distributed to 300 charities across the country.

It is estimated that half of Freemasonry's total charitable expenditure of over £33million goes to charities that help people in communities across the country.

■ HIGH THERE: walkers on the Jurassic Coast Trek for Julia's House

■ COASTAL CHALLENGE: a walker in positive mood

Hundreds trek for hospices

SOME 350 walkers took part in the annual Julia's House Jurassic Coast Trek.

They chose a 13 or 26-mile route, which took them along the Dorset coast path.

The event – to raise money for the Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospices – proved so popular the charity had a waiting list of people wanting to take part.

The 26-mile hike set off from Lulworth Cove with the 13-mile trekkers joining them at Worth Matravers. Each group of walkers was assigned a volunteer guide and there were snack and water points along the way. The walk ended at Studland with a celebratory barbecue.

Event organiser Hannah Miller, of Julia's House, said: "A big thank-you for all those whose who stepped up to the challenge and to all the volunteers who offered their moral support. It was a brilliant, if sometimes tough, hilly route at times, but everyone coped magnificently.

"Knowing your efforts are helping support a family with a life-limited child is a huge motivation and kept a lot of people going."

Julia's House looks after children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and supports their parents and siblings.

It has a hospice in Corfe Mullen, Dorset and a newly-opened hospice in Devizes, Wiltshire. Almost half the care it provides is in the community, in families' own homes.

■ HEART AND SOLE: walkers stop for a picture

■ STEPPING OUT: some of the many trekkers taking part in the fundraising challenge

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School is making progress

A WEYMOUTH school which was classed as requiring improvement in an Ofsted inspection has now been judged to be making good progress.

St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Aided School in Preston had its last full Ofsted inspection in 2015.

A recent monitoring visit concluded that: "Senior leaders are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement… in order to become a good school."

Sarah Patterson, who has been headteacher of St Andrew's since April, said: "It is good news for our pupils, parents and staff that Ofsted judges believe we are taking the steps we need to be rated 'good' at our next inspection.

"At the same time, they have set out a number of areas where they would like us to take further action to accelerate our rate of improvement."

Amongst the issued that Ofsted inspectors have asked to be addressed in the forthcoming weeks are effective action to improve attendance, to ensure greater consistency in teaching, learning and assessment, and to further improve early years provision.

■ JOIN US: a last-minute appeal has gone out for volunteer helpers for this weekend's Weldmar Hospicecare 11th ladies' Midnight Walk. The Brazilian Carnival themed event takes place along Weymouth seafront on Saturday, July 15th, with five, 6.5 or 10-mile routes. The event is open to any woman over the age of 14 – but offers of help to run and marshall the event are welcome from men. Prior to the walk starting the charity is putting on a party with a disco, face painting, a photo booth and other entertainment. To register as a walker or volunteer phone 01305 261800 or visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/midnightwalk

Conservation on the agenda

SEALIFE Weymouth is holding its fifth annual conservation evening this Friday, July 14th, from 6pm to 9pm.

Entry is £5 per person, with all proceeds going to the charities attending, which include The Community Seagrass Initiative, The International Otter Survival Fund, The RSPB –Little Tern Project at Chesil Beach, Dorset Wildlife Trust and The Sea Life Trust.

Each charity will have stands for the public to visit to learn more about their work and conservation efforts, both locally and regionally.

All animal exhibits will be open to visit as well as Dorset's greatest adventure playground, Caribbean Cove. There will be talks from the Sea Life Weymouth team about the Maldives display, their work with seagrass, the little tern project and the Sea Turtles. Another exclusive will be feeds not available on a daily visit to Sea Life Weymouth including Octopus Playtime and Seal Playtime.

Live music will be provided by The Leggomen, delivering a blend of modern pop and rock as well as older classic songs. There will be also be a barbecue, cake stands and a raffle with some prizes.

For more information, call 01305 761070 or visit: *www.visitsealife.com/weymouth*

STOKE ABBOTT STREET FAIR Saturday 15th July 2017

STOKE Abbott's annual Street Fair, on Saturday 15th July, kicks off in time-honoured tradition with the 'Stoke Abbott Sick Club' parade at 1.45pm.

From 2pm, there will be an exciting array of stalls, a fun Family Dog Show, live entertainment, Alpacas, local craft demonstrations plus a Children's Fancy Dress parade and Dressing the Well ceremony.

Comments the coordinator, Chris Coles: "Each year our Street Fair raises vital funds for the village and a local charity whilst giving locals and tourists a really enjoyable afternoon. Once again, we have a Well Dressing ceremony, a tradition dating back to the 14th century and we're delighted to have a Family Dog Show once again, back by popular demand."

In addition to a free Children's Games Garden, children of all ages are invited to come in Pirates & Mermaids fancy dress and take part in a parade at 3.15pm.

Entertainment comes courtesy of the Mill Street Jazz Band, the Wyld Morris Dancers and Mitch Norman. The New Inn garden will play host to various games and a barbecue.

Set out along the lanes, traditional village-run stalls will include cakes, plants, jams, jewellery, 'Granny's Attic', a gift tombola, crafts and books. Delicious cream teas will be served throughout the afternoon in the village hall.

Free car parking is available on the road into the village from Beaminster only. There is an entry fee of £1 per adult (children free).

Proceeds will go to St Mary's Church, the village hall and Beaminster Youth Club. Find us on Facebook – facebook.com/stokeabbottstreetfair and Twitter - @SAStreetFair

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GREEN FINGERS

MILLIONS of green-fingered Brits love the idea of having a beautiful garden - but don't actually want to get their hands dirty.

A study of 2,000 adults found half believed daily life would be improved if they had easier access to green space and could spend more time outdoors.

But a third of the nation have 'no interest' in gardening and would do anything to avoid donning a pair of gardening gloves and get stuck into a bit of weeding.

Those who expressed a desire to become more green-fingered said they were held back because they simply didn't have the time.

A lack of confidence caused by a dearth of knowledge, and even the fact their parents didn't pass down any gardening tips, are also holding back wannabe gardeners.

Researchers also found 70 per cent of the nation have tried gardening - only to become disheartened when it ends in failure.

Organic fruit tea drinks Honest brand ambassador Julia Bradbury said: "Over half of all Brits feel their daily lives could be improved by spending more time outdoors.

"One in three would love to be able to grow their own herbs, fruit and veg at home - but so many of us DON'T do either, because we don't want to get our hands dirty or feel we don't have the time.

"It's really important to make the time to switch off a bit from daily pressures, and getting outside in open green spaces can be a quick way to do that.

"There are lots of easy ways to help restore your balance; from spending more time in a park or community garden, or growing your own fruit or veg at home - even just in a window box. And getting your hands dirty is good sometimes!"

The study also found one in ten (eight per cent) believe no outdoor space holds them back from gardening and one third (36 per cent) said they did no gardening at all.

Our incompetence was further exposed by the fact 41 per cent have killed a plant by over-watering it and 37 per cent by not giving it enough water.

More than one quarter of Brits (26 per cent) have killed a plant within a week due to lack of gardening skills, and seven per cent confess they even killed a cactus, which is no mean feat when they require little maintenance.

Three per cent even admitted they have killed a plant within a day.

In fact in some cases Brits are so short of knowledge that 14 per cent of the nation can only dream of keeping a houseplant alive for a full year.

The findings also revealed more than one in four (27 per cent) don't have a single plant in their home and one in ten have just one plant.

By contrast the study also found over one third (33 per cent) would like to grow their own fruit, herbs and vegetables at home.

Honest is working with Groundworks Mobile City Garden to champion easier access to green space and community gardens.

Speaking at Groundwork's Mobile City Garden in London Julia Bradbury said, "I'm happy to be working with Honest and the team at Groundwork to help bring more green spaces and gardens to busy urban areas.

"It's no secret that gardening and spending more time outdoors can have a positive impact on physical health and mental well-being - and this can be especially important to people who live in busy towns and cities."

Honest is kick-starting its partnership with Groundwork by supporting the Energy Garden initiative in London, a partnership led by Repowering London, Groundwork London and Transport for London. Energy Garden is a non-profit initiative which aims to create community gardening opportunities on and around the London Overground network, in part funded through revenue generated through community energy systems.

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BUILD YOUR OWN BUG HOTEL

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

Give the kids a garden project this summer - here's our guide to building a bug hotel

School holidays are upon us, so keep the kids amused by helping them create a stylish and useful bug house to attract beneficial insects to your garden, including spiders, lacewings and ladybirds. Lacewing larvae and adult ladybirds and larvae will feast on aphids, while solitary bees may also hibernate in a bug box.

• What you'll need

Any old wooden box or recycled wooden pallet will do - you'll need it to stand up on its end to accommodate beneficial insects and other wildlife. You could nail boxes together (end to end) to make bug towers, which could be nailed on to a post or left free-standing on the ground. Collect wood, bark, twigs, leaves, pine, larch or spruce and any other natural materials. You can also use old terracotta roof tiles, bricks with holes in them and even holey old plant pots.

• Lining the container

Use dead leaves to line the back of the box, preferably oak or beech, as they will form the primary living area for insects.

• Fill it up

Pack materials into the front of the box. These could be anything from cut-off branches to segments of bamboo cane, pine cones and other solid garden materials. Either create a visible pattern at the front of the box or just fill it randomly, wedging it all together with dead leaves or moss, the RSPB advises.

• Where to put it

Bugs prefer sheltered spots, so place your new bug-friendly hotel under hedging or close to wild areas in your garden, where there might be nettles, brambles or other wildlife-welcoming plants that will attract bugs into their new home. Make sure the box isn't in full sun, or everything will dry out -including the bugs.

• Looking after your bugs

Give the boxes a good spray regularly in summer to keep them moist and give the wildlife a drink. Then sit back and see what creatures move in!

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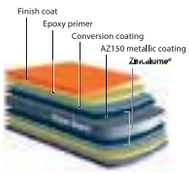

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Rape detectives appeal for help

DETECTIVES investigating reports of a rape on Weymouth beach are appealing for a potential witness to come forward.

At around 4.15am on Tuesday, July 4th, officers were called to The Esplanade following the report of a sexual assault on a local woman aged in her 40s. A 32-year-old Weymouth man was arrested on suspicion of rape and has since been released under investigation.

Police are now trying to trace a man who initially called police reporting that he had heard a woman in distress on the beach in the early hours that morning.

Detective Constable Sarah Desmond, of Weymouth CID, said: "This man contacted police, but did not disclose his full personal details, so we are trying to trace him as he may hold valuable information that can assist with this investigation. I would ask him to please contact Dorset Police urgently. Anyone else who may have seen or heard something suspicious in the area around the time of the incident please get in touch with us or call Crimestoppers anonymously."

Officers have been carrying out forensic work at the scene of the incident and investigations are continuing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at *www.dorset.police.uk*, via email – *101@dorset.pnn.police.uk* – or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170100864.

■ NEW Weymouth Lions president Roger Hogbin, left, with past president Mark Lockie

Roger takes on president's role

LION Roger Hogbin was installed as President of Weymouth & Portland Lions Club for the year 2017 – 2018 at the club's monthly dinner meeting staged at the Rembrandt Hotel.

Roger, who is a very active member of the club, having held several posts, said upon receiving his chain of office: "I am delighted and honoured to become President of a club of fine, community-minded, fun-loving people, especially during Lions International's centenary year.

"Weymouth and Portland Lions Club gives tremendous help to those less fortunate than ourselves and organises many popular activities and events in the town. I hope that during my Presidential year I can help the club build upon its many achievements."

The Lions' next event is a Street Busk in Weymouth town centre on Saturday, 29th July and a charity golf day at Weymouth Golf Club on Friday, 4th August. Entry details for teams are available at *www.weymouthlionsclub.co.uk*

New health role

DORSET County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is appealing for a new non-executive director to join its board.

Expressions of interest are invited from experienced leaders from the public or private sectors, with proven board-level experience.

Trust chairman Mr Mark Addision said: "We are looking for an exceptional individual to join our dynamic board.

"The successful candidate will be passionate about and committed to delivering the highest standards of care. They will directly contribute to making a positive difference to our local community."

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust serves a population of over 250,000, providing a range of general and acute services from the 365-bed Dorset County Hospital and also offers county-wide renal services.

For more information please contact Annette Sergeant at Veredus Consulting on 0207 932 4393 or email *annette.sergeant@veredus.co.uk*. Interviews will be held on July 28th.

Hardy's annuals

WEST Dorset Ecology volunteers will be researching the plants and animals of Thomas Hardy's Bockhampton cottage garden on Friday, July 14th.

Visitors to the National Trust property will be invited to join in and chat to the volunteers while they are working between 11am and 4pm. Normal admission applies.

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Fish and fun wow the

■ CROWDS packed both sides of the harbour enjoying the fish, the food and the sunshine.

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TENS of thousands crammed into Weymouth over the weekend for the town's Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival.

Organisers claim an impossible to judge 50,000 attending the event – but even without a headcount it was obvious that both sides of the harbour were crowded on both Saturday and Sunday throughout much of the day.

Many traders had to try and get vans through the closed roads to get extra supplies in by Sunday lunchtime.

Cookery demonstrations were popular on both days with many stalls stocking Dorset produce, other than that from the sea. Dorset meats, beer, gin, bread and cheese all featured on stalls alongside those showing what can be caught off the county's coast.

There was music too – with the popular Dorset Wrecks performing a medley of sea shanties and the introduction for the first time this year of 'busking boats.'

And for the first time there was also circus – from the Dutch Le Cirque du Platzak – on both afternoons.

Visiting the harbour during the festival, and open to visitors, was HMS Severn, a River Class patrol vessel.

■ A fish cooking demonstration.

■ TASTE of the sea - all caught locally in Dorset.

■ CHILDREN's activities at the Sea Fish stall.

Academy passionate about learning

STUDENTS from Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy presented their Passion Projects as part of an Exhibition of Learning at the Portland Academy.

Senior leader at the academy, Katrina Axford, said: "The Passion Project is an adaptation of Google's Genius Hour which allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in their learning.

"It has provided our students with choice in what they learn during a set period of home learning and family tutor time each week.

"The Passion Project has challenged our students to explore and create a project on what they want to learn and are passionate about.

"They have spent several weeks researching a topic before creating a product that will be shared with the class/school/community/world. Deadlines have been limited and creativity encouraged.

"Throughout this process the family tutors have facilitated the student's projects to ensure that they are on task. However, it has been the complete responsibility of our students to take charge of their learning," she said.

Student Ellie was keen to share her passions. She said: "I made booklets of my drawing, patterns are an interest of mine at the moment. I also made a cake as I love baking."

Another student, Amber, loves stage make-up and created realistic cuts and wounds.

■ CREATIVE TALENT: students from IPACA presented their 'Passion Projects' as part of an Exhibition of Learning at the Portland academy

Weymouth crowds

■ BUSKING in a boat.

■ SAMPLING Dorset's Badger Beers.

■ FOOD stalls did a roaring trade on both days and paella was particulary popular.

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Yacht casualty taken by medics

AN injured person has been taken off a yacht moored in Weymouth Harbour.

It has been reported that emergency services were called to the harbour at around 1.30am on Sunday morning to help someone with a bad head injury who was part of a group visiting the town for the Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival. The Wyke Coastguard team was alerted and removed the casualty from the vessel at 1.37am.

Weymouth RNLI inshore lifeboat was called to transfer the casualty from the boat and take them and a relative and paramedics to the ferry steps pontoon. The patient was then cared for by the ambulance service.

Weymouth RNLI said the inshore lifeboat was launched at 2.10am to help. The lifeboat returned to station at 3.30am.

Racing certainty

A CHARITY fish and chip race night in Weymouth will raise money for the cancer appeal at the county hospital.

The event, organised by the 'Ladies in Wey-ting' group of fund-raisers, takes place this Saturday, July 15th, from 7.30pm, at the Pilgrim House, Hope Square.

There will also be a raffle during the evening and mystery prizes.

Tickets cost £10 and include a fish and chip supper. They can be bought at Dowsett Motors and Purrfect Cattery.

■ MAYOR of Weymouth and Portland Cllr Kevin Brooks has met geography A-level students from Spalding Grammar School to talk and discuss the borough's Olympic experience and legacy. Weymouth and Portland hosted the Olympic sailing events in 2012 – which saw a series of home medals. The event brought thousands of visitors to the town – although not in the numbers originally anticipated and fleets of buses brought in to ferry people from two park and ride facilities in Dorchester remained largely un-used. But the event was judged a success in the way that it encouraged dozens of local people to act as Olympic ambassadors, offering advice and guidance to visitors. Cllr Brooks is pictured with students James Stuffins and Noah Leatherland

Call for fire safety checks to be done

SOCIAL housing providers in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland have been asked to check their properties following the Grenfell Tower fire in London.

Head of housing for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland and North Dorset, Clive Milone, says that, so far, he has received only reassuring messages from local housing association. The areas have no high rise towers although there are some smaller blocks.

Mr Milone said in a message to councillors: "I have written to our main social landlords asking them to provide me with reassurances about the materials used in the construction of their homes, including where cladding has been used, and to provide information about their fire safety assessments. So far, feedback from the landlords has been reassuring. We have been fully aware of the need not to worry residents of homes that are perfectly safe."

Dorchester councillor Gerald Duke asked for checks to be extended beyond residential buildings.

"There are other buildings in the district which are clad with composite panels other than housing units. I have in mind the Marabout industrial estate, which belongs to West Dorset District Council. What assurance can I give that buildings such as these will, or have been checked for fire safety with particular reference to the insulation materials used?"

RNLI to kick off the summer holidays with Lifeboat Week in Lyme Regis!

Photo Credit: RNLI/Richard Horobin

LYME Regis Lifeboat Week will be officially opened by Dorset-based actress, comedian and impressionist Debra Stephenson on Saturday, July 22nd.

As an impressionist, Debra is best known for her co-starring role in BBC One's 'The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson'.

As an actress Debra, from Poole, played Shell Dockley in 'Bad Girls', the feisty Frankie Baldwin in 'Coronation Street' and Diane Powell in 'Playing the Field'. She also plays major parts in BBC Radio 4's 'Dead Ringers' and ITV's 'Newzoids'.

Debra, who owns a speedboat with her husband James, said they were looking forward to coming to Lyme Regis, and plan to make it a family day out with children Max, 14, and Zoe, 10.

Debra added: "My husband enjoys our boat for fishing, and so far we have not had to call out the RNLI. But it's very comforting to know the volunteer crews are there."

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LYME Regis celebrates the efforts of its brave lifeboat crew every year during Lifeboat Week in July, which raises thousands of pounds for the RNLI. Plans for this year's event, which will run from July 22nd to 29th with this year's star attraction being the Red Devils – the British Army's parachute display team.

A classic Red Devils display will see up to ten team members jumping from an altitude of 10,000ft. Trailing smoke to demonstrate their speed and movement, the highly skilled skydivers will freefall at speeds up to 120mph before opening their parachutes. Then they will demonstrate breathtaking, high-speed 'swoop' landings and spectacular 'canopy formations', both unique to parachute displays in the UK.

Plans for other events during the week are well under way. The fireworks display is scheduled for Friday 28th at 10pm and the popular Three Counties Swing Band will perform the same evening.

Who can beat the Fire Crew's bathtub record?

A NEW event will be a water polo match between the RNLI lifeguards and the lifeboat crew on July 25th, and the popular bathtub race is scheduled for July 22nd, for which the all-conquering Dorset Fire and Rescue crew have thrown down the gauntlet to other competitors.

"We aim to break all the records again this year," said skipper Virgil Turner.

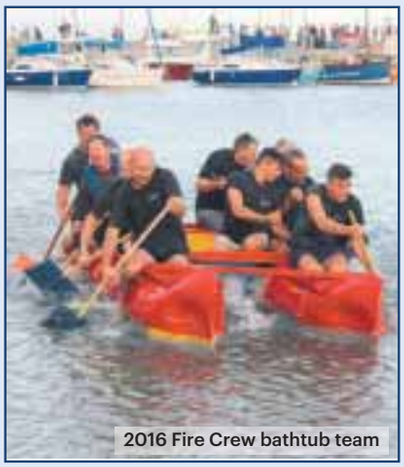
Last year the firefighters crew of nine won for the sixth year running using their somewhat unconventional snow shovels as oars.

"There's no rule against the shovels and, in fact, they are very hard work and almost a handicap," said Virgil, who is station commander with the fire and rescue service in Lyme Regis.

"We challenge anyone to beat us this year and once again we will have one or two tricks up our sleeve.

"Apart from just winning we aim to do it in a record time."

2016 RNLI Lifeguards bathtub team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Lifeboat volunteers at RNLI Lyme Regis - their life and times in a new book

A BOOK looking back at the life and times of Lyme Regis lifeboat men and women – and the lifeboats themselves – will be launched on the first day of Lifeboat Week.

Written by the lifeboat station's volunteer press officer, retired newspaper and BBC journalist Richard Horobin, the fully illustrated book is part of the charity's history book project.

It tells how a makeshift lifeboat service started in the town in 1826, and how a Christmas tragedy led to Lyme Regis getting a 'proper' lifeboat, powered by sails and oars, 27 years later.

With much help from local historians and lifeboat supporters, the author has brought to life a fascinating collection of stories about dedicated volunteers who ran a lifeboat service in the town, despite all the odds, over a period of nearly 160 years.

There is the crew member who was shipwrecked eight times as a mariner and the coxswain who served the lifeboat for 34 years and was famed for his strength, picking up a man with one arm and placing him on a table. He also salvaged a huge barrel of alcohol from a shipwreck and carried it single handed up a cliff!

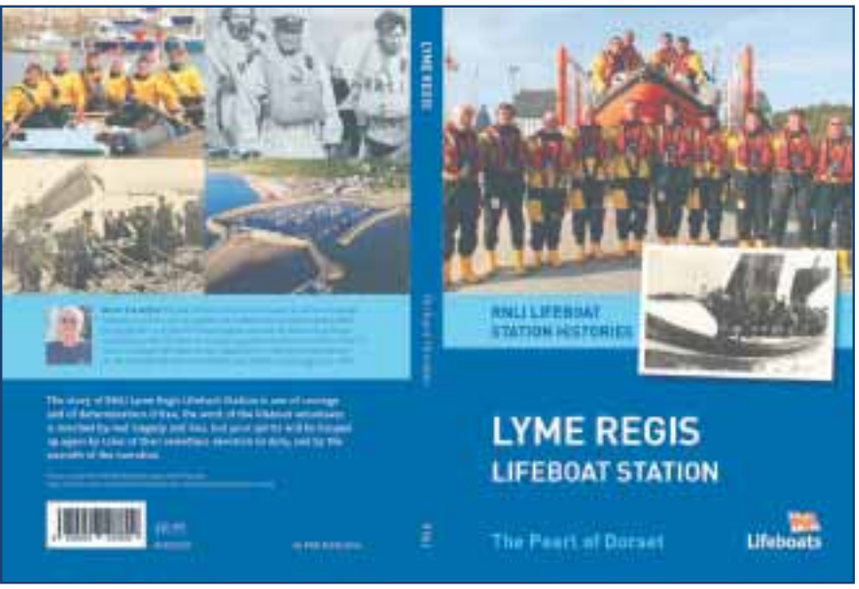
The story of an MP who vanished without trace over Lyme Bay after being trapped in a hot air balloon makes incredible reading.

The dramatic episode when a ship was torpedoed by a German submarine a short distance from Lyme Regis harbour had an amusing twist amid the tragedy and chaos.

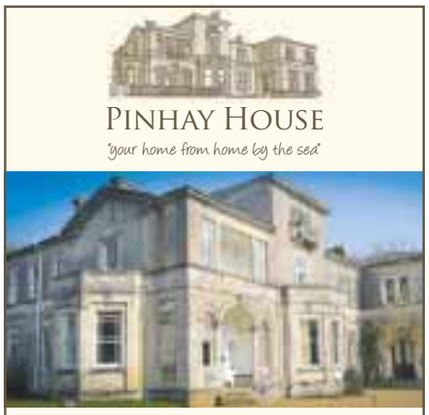
And in more recent times the amazing survival of a couple whose helicopter crashed into Lyme Bay in dense fog, and the tragic tale of the severely disabled woman whose wheelchair fell into Lyme Regis harbour and the desperate attempts made to save her.

There are the lighter moments, too, such as the crew Christmas dinner when the annual awards are presented, and the story of Lifeboat Week, from the early 1970s.

The new book will be available from the lifeboat shop on the Cobb and other outlets in the town from July 22nd, priced at £8.95 with all proceeds going to the RNLI.



Lyme Regis Lifeboat Crew



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Lyme's going quackers for carnival again!

LYME Regis will be going quackers for carnival once again as the town is invited to take part in the third annual Decorated Duck Competition.

The competition was launched during Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Week in 2015 and has since taken the town by storm with shops and businesses fiercely competing to see their duck crowned Carnival Queen!

All local shops, businesses and organisations are being invited to take part in this year's competition, which will run through Regatta & Carnival Week, starting on Saturday, August 5th.

Plain yellow, wooden ducks will be delivered to all those wanting to take part in advance of carnival week and can be decorated in any way participants see fit – the more imaginative the better! Ducks should then be displayed in shop and business windows throughout the week for the public to vote for their favourites, with the winners to be announced on Friday, August 11th when all the ducks will be brought together for a display on Marine Parade.

The winner will be crowned Carnival Queen and will take pride of place in the Grand Carnival Procession on Saturday, August 12th, which will top off a week of family-friendly, seaside events.

2016 Decorated Duck competition winners

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Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Week just keeps getting better!

ORGANISERS are hoping this year's procession will be bigger and better than ever, with a number of marching and samba bands booked to get everyone in the carnival spirit. Local businesses, organisations and families are also being invited to take part.

A packed programme of events is being put together for the week, which will this year coincide with the Red Arrows display on Thursday, August 10th at 6.15pm, and the Regatta & Carnival Committee will be making the most of this bumper day by hosting a grand firework display in the evening.

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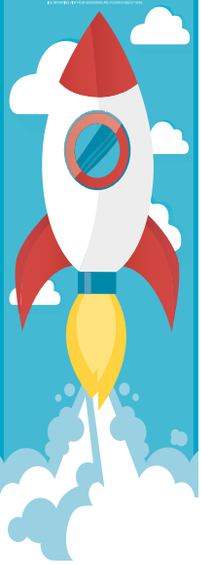

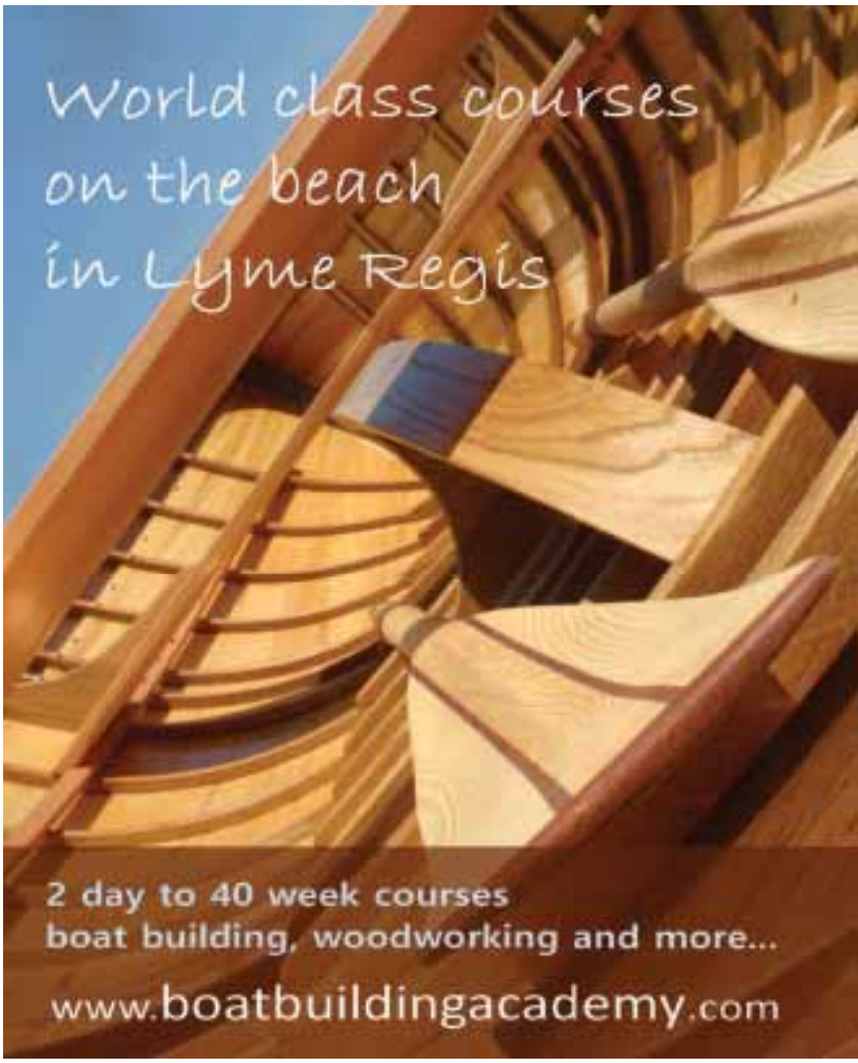

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2016 Walk of Light torchlight procession

Walk of Light torchlight procession on Sunday, August 6th

OTHER major events during the week will include the popular Walk of Light torchlight procession on Sunday, August 6th and the moving Candles Down the River on Tuesday, August 8th.

New to this year's programme will be an opening procession at the beginning of the week on Saturday, August 5th, and the week will finish with the grand duck race on Sunday, August 13th.

For full details of events and updates, visit the website www.lymeregiscarnival. co.uk or www.face book.com/LymeRegisCarnival

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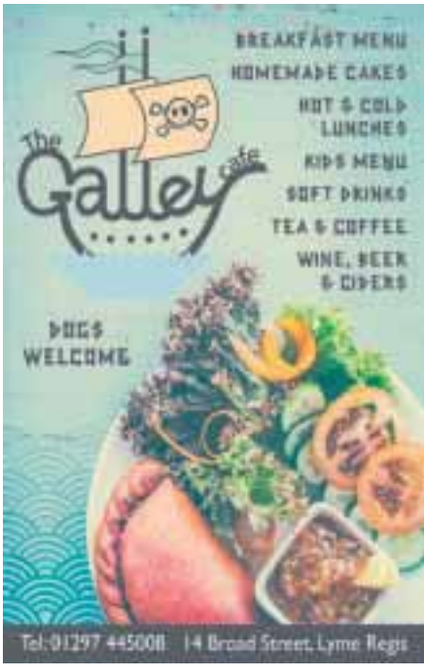

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Bridport Arts Centre's busy July programme

TAKE ADVANTAGE of Bridport Arts Centre's busy programme this July and head to for one of their performances. Expect a range of shows for varied tastes and interests.

The Vera Lynn Story takes to the stage this Saturday, July 15th at 7.30pm. The show tells the story of the plumber's daughter who rises from humble origins to capture the hearts of a nation and become the most famous singer of the 1950s.

There'll be an outdoor family performance on July 31st at 7pm. Circus Raj, a veritable super group of Rajasthan's elite street circus performers will combing their amazing skills to perform breathtaking acts of courage and bravery on the Millennium Green. With a cast of dancers, illusionists, aerialists, acrobats and rope walkers, with the eye-watering displays by their fakir, they present a colourful, vibrant, fast-moving extravaganza of intrigue, drama, feats of daring, music, laughter and surprise.

If music is your thing prepare to be amazed when Acid house legend Adamski joins us at the BAC for a DJ set of 80s & 90s influences and club classics.

A major force on the UK club scene, Adamski scored international success with his timeless No1 single 'Killer' as well as dance anthems 'NRG' and his debut album 'Live and Direct'.

The night will also feature a live performance by Sonny Erik$$on his new cyberbilly alter ego…all singin',all dancin' n' guitar pickin' cyberspace age rockabilly from the basement of Adamski's pop culture obsessed mind.

Star of Mock the Week and Live at the Apollo Ivo Graham will headline the Comedy Café's 'Big Night Out' show on July 21st, 8pm. Apologetic Eton and Oxford alumnus Ivo started stand-up in 2009 at the age of eighteen and eight months later became the youngest ever winner of the prestigious "So You Think You're Funny" award for new acts at the Edinburgh Fringe. For more details on the Big Night Out, see the adjacent piece (right).

There'll also be a range of art, films (including a sing along version of Summer Holiday, July 27th) and Jamboree, a week of events for children from July 24th.

For the full list of events visit www.bridport-arts.com

■ Adamski

■ Circus Raj

■ The Vera Lynn Story

Comedy Café's Big Night Out

STAR OF *Mock the Week* and *Live at the Apollo,* Ivo Graham will headline this month's Comedy Cafe 'Big Night Out' show at the Bridport Arts Centre.

The special 'Big Night Out' show sees the comedy cafe move from it's usual Wednesday night home in the cafe to the main theatre with a Friday night show offering three headline acts for the price of one.

TV star Ivo Graham will be joined by former English Comedian of the Year, Jack Campbell, and internet sensation Louis Burgess.

Apologetic Eton and Oxford alumnus Ivo Graham started stand-up in 2009 at the age of eighteen and eight months later became the youngest ever winner of the prestigious "So You Think You're Funny" award for new acts at the Edinburgh Fringe.

This led the following year to nominations for Chortle Best Newcomer and Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year, and performances at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival, and the Hollywood Fringe and he's since established himself as a regular on our TV screens with a gauche charm and crafty, self-aware wit which has proved a hit with audiences of all ages.

Opening the show will be Jack Campbell, who since being crowned English Comedian of the Year in 2014 has gone on to perform internationally and taken two solo shows to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Jack is known for his finely polished yet off beat brand of comedy and expertly observed routines on everyday life.

In the middle will be internet sensation Louis Burgess who's online comedy videos have received millions of views worldwide. Based in Devon Louis has been a regular on the south west scene for a good few years but has recently found internet fame now boasting more than 50,000 followers on his Facebook fan page.

Completing the line up as ever will be local comedian and regular host of the Comedy Cafe, Tom Glover.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Friday, July 21st. Tickets are £8 adults/£6 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204

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Your guide to local live music

*** JURASSIC FIELDS 2017 SPECIAL ***

Show of Hands, is Steve the best?

STEVE Knightley, the song writing force behind Show of Hands, makes his debut at the Jurassic Fields Music Festival on Saturday, July 15th.

With partner Phil Beer they are widely acclaimed as the finest acoustic roots duo in England, with three Royal Albert Hall sell-outs to their name.

Knightley is renowned for his strong, trademark narrative songs which reflect the escapades, hopes and fears not only of people in his native West Country but beyond and he pulls no punches when writing highly literate songs about bigger, global issues.

No stranger to the area, he lives just over the border in East Devon, and was a teacher at Beaminster School until he left to concentrate on his music career in the mid 90s.

Away from Show of Hands, Steve has guested on Mick Jagger's solo album Goddess in the Doorway and performed as the "folk" element of the striking band Faith, Folk and Anarchy, which also featured songwriters Martyn Joseph and Tom Robinson.

BBC Radio 2 DJ Mike Harding described Knightley as: "One of England's greatest singer songwriters".

This Saturday we have the privileged to see why!

> **One of England's greatest singer songwriters"**
> Mike Harding, BBC Radio 2

Neville follows in the footsteps of the Fun Lovin' Criminals

NEVILLE Staple, the "Original Rude Boy" of the Specials headlines Saturday's evening's main stage, following in the footsteps of Fun Lovin' Criminals, Doctor and the Medics, Orange Street and Dodgy, who have all closed this increasingly popular two-day event in previous years.

Among the other acts are festival heavyweights Laid Blak, the main act on the Big Top stage and Willie and the Bandits.

Now in its fourth year, the Jurassic Fields Music Festival is amazing value for money with over 40 outstanding bands and performers playing on Friday night and all day on Saturday. This year there is a new improved site layout including a comedy tavern.

There are eight bands that appeared at the recent Glastonbury Festival including Rews, cited by Radio 6 DJ Mark Radcliffe as his favourite act of the whole festival. Their new single "Miss You In The Dark" was Radio 1's Huw Stephens "Tip of the Week".

Friday night is headlined by the Stereoironics and Smith & Mighty, whilst back by popular demand is Mr B the Gentleman Rhymer, a real treat with his Chap-Hop music.

■ Rews

■ Neville Staple

Strong local flavour

■ The Leggomen at Jurassic Fields 2016
Photo by Dylan Hanby

WHILST there are a huge number of top internationally known acts appearing at Jurassic Fields 2017, the event is also an opportunity for local talent to show their prowess on the four stages.

It will also feature two brilliant well known bands that have supported this event every year and are festival favourites.

Shelby's Elbows, Martin P Davies and Phil Jeffs , are an exciting, dynamic acoustic duo, who hail from Bridport, whilst the Leggomen, a four man Weymouth band, produce a gritty Orlando blues feel, mixed with rock, country and indie.

Not only music

THE event is a community friendly family event and as such not only caters for parents and children that like music, but is a family day out, and there is plenty to keep the younger ones occupied.

Besides a wide range of exciting food and craft stalls, on Saturday there is an ever growing children's area from trampolines, to inflatable slide and face painting to name a few.

With children free, it's too good an opportunity not to miss!

Ticketing

EACH year the footfall has doubled at Jurassic Fields, and sales this year suggest a further increase, so don't delay and get your tickets now.

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Saturday 15th July, 9.30pm
DRUNK EDUCATION
Sunday 16th July, 4pm
ANDY GRANT TRIO
Saturday 22nd July, 9.30pm
JACKDAW
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Are you ready for a Hayseed hoedown?

HAYSEED DIXIE are playing at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, July 21st at 8pm. With fiddle, guitars, mandolin and banjo this hillbilly foursome is an awesome live band. Standing only!

With roots firmly set in East Nashville Tennessee, John teamed up with Mike Daly in 2000; they drank some whiskey, invited some friends along and started to play around with a few tunes, reinventing some of the classic AC/DC songs. They weren't really interested in making records, they just wanted to enjoy playing their music.

But now nearly two decades later those Appalachian Mountain hillbilly rave-ups have morphed into 15 albums that have sold over half a million worldwide and over 1,200 live performances in 31 different countries, Hayseed have become the undisputed champions of their unique style of music.

But what is the Hayseed music like?

"I've always thought of us as a rock band. It just so happens that we play instruments which are more associated with folk music. I grew up in Nashville playing mostly rock music. We started calling it rockgrass because it is kind of our own thing."

If there was ever such a thing as a hillbilly band playing rock classics, then Hayseed are it.

Hayseed Dixie are playing at the Marine Theatre on July 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £18 in advance £20 on the door. Visit www.marinetheatre.com or Call the Box Office on 01297 442138

■ Hayseed Dixie

Gambling on the future

MARK THOMAS comes to Dorchester with his work in progress 'A Show That Gambles on the Future' on Wednesday, July 19th in an attempt to make futurologists of all of us.

Few predicted the events of 2016. And even fewer seem to know where we are going. Mark Thomas sets out to discover what the future has in store for us by collecting and examining his own predictions and those of his audiences before gambling on their outcome. By making futurologists of us all, he will create a fantastical, hilarious and possibly accurate vision of the world. And maybe even make a few quid on the side.

Based along the lines of his 2011 show 'Manifesto' Mark takes suggestions from the audience to create a snapshot of the future.

One of the few stand-ups still to carry the political standard of alternative comedy, Mark Thomas is essentially an observational comic – only his observations tend to revolve around the crusading anti-corporate, anti-greed investigations he undertakes.

Tickets are £10 (age guidance 16+) and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

It's been a long Drive to get here

'THE DRIVE' arrives at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, July 20th at 6.30pm; and what a long way they've come since April 2016 when it was still in the planning stage.

It has been described as a journey of friendship, the fragility of memory and coming of age in the 1990s, as two friends drive from London to Oslo.

Angel Exit Theatre Tamsin Fessey and Lynne Forbes are described as consummate storytellers but you won't believe it's a story, you will be convinced it's for real.

When they were rehearsing at the Marine back in 2016, they were overhead saying

"I'm not going to apologise for cleaning the fridge."

Such was their convincing acting as they practiced their lines walking round the theatre, it sent the staff into a frenzy only to discover it was an important line in their performance.

A story of a friendship between two women; regrets, grief, loss and memories of relationships they have had with other female friends; you soon work out the two different characters, one of them is pretty relaxed about life but the other standoffish and reluctant to talk.

But it is during the drive and later in the hotel when some recognisable human behaviour starts to emerge. Those awkward moments when we let our guard down after we've had one too many and losing our temper in an explosion of anger.

So if you've ever experienced one of those long awkward journeys when conversation doesn't flow, come along for The Drive, you may find it's a journey worth taking!

The Drive is on at the Marine Theatre, Thursday, July 20th 6.30pm all tickets £10. For tickets tel 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

Lette Kathy take you on a Girls Night Out

'GIRLS NIGHT OUT' is a psychological strip tease taking us from 'puberty blues' to 'menopause blues', with tales of love, lust, men, marriage, pregnancy, childbirth, mastitis, sexist bosses, teenage-daughter-wrangling, ageing, toy boys, making the Queen laugh, hiding Julian Assange in her attic, tongue kissing Prince William and Close Encounters of the George Clooney Kind, en route.

Kathy also talks poignantly about the trials, tribulations and hilarity of raising a child on the autistic spectrum.

Australian born author, screenwriter, journalist, party girl and all-round bonne vivant, Kathy Lette is best known for her many novels including: How To Kill Your Husband: And Other Handy Household Hints, Foetal Attraction and Nip'n'Tuck, Kathy's decided it's time to take centre stage and share intimate details of her varied and multi coloured personal, social and professional lives.

So, grab your girlfriends and come along. Wit, warmth and full frontal frankness are guaranteed. (Men, attend at your own risqué!)

Kathy Lette brings 'Girls Night Out' to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, July 22nd. Tickets are £12 and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

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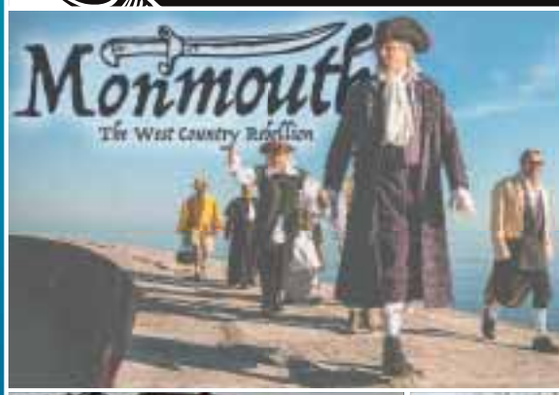
what's on this week...



Thu 13th - Sat 15th July

6.45pm at the sandy beach: Monmouth's landing on the Cobb and rebel procession from the sand shelf to the Marine Theatre

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THE DRIVE
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All tickets £10

HAYSEED DIXIE
Fri 21st July, 8pm. £18 Advance | £20 OTD

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or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES 12A
AFTER the apes suffer unimaginable losses, Caesar wrestles with his darker instincts and begins his own mythic quest to avenge his kind.
Stars Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson and Steve Zahn.

CARS 3 U
LIGHTNING McQueen sets out to prove to a new generation of racers that he's still the best race car in the world.
Stars Disney Pixar's animated fun with voices from Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo and Chris Cooper.

THE BEGUILED 15
AT A girls' school in Virginia during the Civil War, where the young women have been sheltered from the outside world, a wounded Union soldier is taken in. Soon, the house is taken over with sexual tension, rivalries, and an unexpected turn of events.
Stars Nicole Kidman, Kirsten Dunst and Elle Fanning.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)
Fri, July 14th to Thu, July 20th

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Baby Driver 15
Fri-Wed: 21.00
Cars 3 U
Fri-Wed: 11.00, 14.00, 18.00
Thu: 11.00, 14.00, 16.15
Despicable Me 3 U
Fri-Wed: 10.30, 13.00, 15.30, 17.45
Thu: 10.15, 11.30, 13.45, 17.45
Spider-man: Homecoming 2D 12A
Fri-Wed: 10.45, 14.15, 17.30, 20.45
ThuL 14.15, 17.30, 20.45
War for the Planet of the Apes 2D 12A
Fri-Sun, Tue-Thu: 11.15, 14.30, 17.00, 20.30
Mon: 14.30, 17.00, 20.30
War for the Planet of the Apes 3D 12A
Daily: 20.15

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Baby Driver 15
Sat-Wed: 20.45
Despicable Me U
Fri: 15.40, 18.00
Sat & Sun: 12.10, 13.20, 15.40, 18.00
Mon: 12.10, 15.40, 18.00
Despicable Me 3 U
Fri, Wed: 12.00
Sat & Sun: 13.15, 18.15
Mon: 12.00, 15.45
Tue: 15.40, 18.00
Wed: 12.10, 15.40, 18.00
Thu: 14.20, 16.40
Smurfs: The Lost Village U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Spider-man: Homecoming 12A
Fri-Sun: 10.15, 14.30, 17.45, 20.15
Mon, Wed: 14.30, 17.45, 20.15
Tue: 12.40, 17.45, 20.15
Thu: 11.20, 17.45, 20.45
War for the Planet of the Apes 3D 12A
Daily: 17.15
War for the Planet of the Apes 2D 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.30, 14.00, 20.30
Sat, Sun, Tue, Thu: 10.50, 14.00, 20.30

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The Fits 12A
Thu: 19.30

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.10, 15.50, 17.10, 18.30
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 13.10, 14.30, 15.50, 17.10, 18.30
Cars 3 3D U
Sat & Sun: 11.50am
Despicable Me 3 2D U
Fri, Mon-Wed: 15.10, 16.40, 17.30, 19.50
Sat: 10.30, 11.10, 12.00, 13.30, 14.20, 15.10, 16.40, 17.30, 19.50
Sun: 11.10, 12.00, 13.30, 14.20, 15.10, 16.40, 17.30, 19.50
Thu: 12.50, 15.10, 16.40, 17.30, 19.50
Despicable Me 3 3D U
Fri-Wed: 12.50
Spider-man: Homecoming 2D 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.50, 14.50, 17.50, 19.10, 20.50
Sat-Sun: 10.50, 11.50, 13.50, 14.50, 17.50, 19.10, 20.50
Spider-man: Homecoming 3D 12A
Fri-Wed: 16.50, 20.00
Thu: 16.50
The House 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.50
Transformers: The Last Knight 2D 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40
War for the Planet of the Apes 2D 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.40, 14.10, 15.50, 17.20, 19.00, 20.30
Sat-Sun: 11.00, 14.10, 15.50, 17.20, 19.00, 20.30
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Diary Dates

UNTIL WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH
LYME REGIS: Flourish is an exuberant and lively exhibition of four artists—Alison Potter, Belinda Brownlee, Cath Bloomfield and Linda Bristow—who first met at Bath University ten years ago and have since shared their passion for ceramics, print and design in several popular joint exhibitions. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

UNTIL SATURDAY 22ND
WEYMOUTH: Dorchester Art Club's Summer Exhibition. Mulberry Gallery, Weymouth Library, George Street, DT4 8NN, 10 - 22 July, during Library hours. Come and see an eclectic mix of artwork in various media by local artists, many at at affordable prices. Free Entry. All Welcome. www.dorchesterartclub.co.uk

WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH
BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.
LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Adventures at the Seaside'. Illustrated talk by Deirdre Dee. An entertaining presentation revealing all (or, at least, a modest amount) about our love of the seaside, coming right up to date by examining how seaside resorts are continually re-inventing themselves to stay alive in the 21st Century. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

FRIDAY JULY 14TH
ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929

FRIDAY JULY 14TH - WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH
LYME REGIS: Pots and Paints is the second joint exhibition of recent work by painter Malcolm Gladjian and master potter Eddie Daughton. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

FRIDAY JULY 14TH & SUNDAY JULY 15TH
MAIDEN NEWTON: Maiden Newton Art Group meet most Wednesday afternoons throughout the year and are holding their Annual Art and Craft Exhibition on 14th/15th July at Maiden Newton Village Hall (near the Station). The event starts on Friday 14th from 6pm-9pm with wine and nibbles and Saturday 15th 10am – 4pm with Items for Sale, Refreshments, Homemade cakes, Craft stalls and Demonstrations. All are welcome and entry is free.

SATURDAY JULY 15TH
BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players present 'There's Talent in the Valley'. An evening of song, music and other spectacular talent. At Buckland Newton Village Hall. Tickets £5 including a light buffet, £3 for performers, available from BN village shop, cash bar operating throughout the evening.
WEYMOUTH: 'A Night at the Movies' family friendly concert with Dorset Sinfonia, 6pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Adults £10, children 17 and under free. Tickets available from Dorchester TIC and Dorchester Library.
UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Summer Show and Country Fayre from 1pm to 5pm on the Uplyme Playing Field. Schedules have been available for some time, but it is not too late to get hold of one and decide which classes to enter. Even if you are not competing, there will be plenty of stalls, demonstrations, games, free train rides, refreshments and musical entertainments. There is also the Family Dog Show, going from strength to strength, with entries taken on the day from 1pm. For more details, see our website at ulrhs.wordpress.com.
BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Moonlight' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.
LITTON CHENEY: Litton Cheney summer fete at Litton & Thorner's Community Hall from 12.30, featuring steel band Steel The Sound, with barbecue lunches, teas, stalls and games.

MONDAY JULY 17TH
BOTHENHAMPTON: Pilates, 2pm at the village hall. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929.
LYME REGIS: Black Ven Poetry Workshop at the Pilot Boat Inn, 11am-1pm. £10 a session or £6 if you attend Apothecary or Vittles & Verse. A gentle workshop thinking about poetry and connecting creativity to nature.

TUESDAY JULY 18TH
LYME REGIS: RSA Meet Up, 6-8pm at the Woodmead Halls. Come along to this inaugural Lyme event to meet with local Fellows to find out more about the RSA, its activities, potential initiatives in your area & to see how you can get involved. Open to all, see theRSA.org for details.

WEDNESDAY JULY 19TH
BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.

THURSDAY JULY 20TH
BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Dawn Lawrence on 'The World's Endangered Species'.

FRIDAY JULY 21ST
ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929
WEYMOUTH: The July speaker for the monthly meeting of S.Dorset Branch of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be Ted Udall. His talk will be entitled "On the Parish". As usual,the meeting will be at St. Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Rd., Radipole, beginning with tea or coffee at 2pm,followed by the speaker at 2.30pm. Please note there will be no meeting in August.

SATURDAY JULY 22ND & SUNDAY JULY 23RD
MUSBURY: Jean and John Lambert welcome you to their open garden. 2-5pm, 22 Doatshayne Lane. Admission by donation, in aid of cancer hospice Force. Tea, biscuits and cold drinks available.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society Exhibition as part of Life Boat Week, The Shelters. Marine Parade Lyme Regis

SUNDAY JULY 23RD
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Bay WI Summer Fete at the Salt House, West Bay. 10am-4pm. Refreshments and assorted stalls also games for children.

MONDAY JULY 24TH
BOTHENHAMPTON: Pilates, 2pm at the village hall. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929.

WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH
BROADWINDSOR: Low impact dancefit 10.30am. Yogalates 11.30am. At the Comrades Hall, £5 each or block booking discount. Contact 07585 356929.

THURSDAY JULY 27TH
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The RNLI annual RAFT RACE Day takes on the River Brit, West Bay at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. The race, which is sponsored by The George Hotel, West Bay, is an exciting battle for supremacy on the water by decorated rafts crewed by competitors in Fancy Dress. In addition, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Cream Teas will be available in the Salt House and there will be Amusements on Fisherman's Green from 2.30 until 5.00 pm. The race promises to be great fun for all the family and will be followed at 9.00 pm by live music in the car park in front of The George. Further details may be obtained from the race organiser Annie on 01308 423090 or 07790 713156.

FRIDAY JULY 28TH
ASKERSWELL: Pilates at the village hall, 9.30am. £6 or block booking discount. For more details call 07585 356929

SATURDAY JULY 29TH
LEIGH: Leigh Food Fair & Vintage/Classic Car Display at Leigh Village Hall, 10am-4pm. Adults £2, children under 15 free. For more details call 01935 873846.
DRIMPTON: An evening of adult comedy at the Royal Oak. Starting at 8pm, featuring David Arnold, Louis Burgess, MJ Walker, and Wayne the Weird. A charity comedy event, £2 fee on the door. Collection and all profits go to Drimpton Youth Club & Cancer Research UK. Pizza available beforehand. For more details call 01308 867930.

Send your Diary Dates by email to rob@viewnews.co.uk, or by post to Rob Larcombe, View from Newspapers, St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3DB

'Buckets'

Performed by Dorchester Youth Theatre Performance Company
ReView by Emily Wilkinson

DORCHESTER Youth Theatre's Performance Company have once again proved that they don't shy away from difficult material. "buckets" by Adam Barnard explores the harsh reality of life, loss and the ever-depleting time we have left to find fulfilment, peace or the meaning of life.

The cast move from emotional torment to comedic relief with ease, showing their diversity and talent with both genres. With the majority of the scenes set out as duologues, this is a play as much about the connection and relationship between the actors as it is about the play text itself.

Set in the round, the staging was very intimate, which was very fitting for some of the more emotional scenes. This is put to work straight away as the play opens, with a mother discussing the terminal illness of her child with her doctor, struggling to come to terms with such a premature mortality. This scene was one of many poignant moments that really brought to light the emotional maturity of the company. The ambiguity of these scenes only added to the intimate atmosphere, as the audience could find personal significance in many of the moments onstage.

Moments of comedy throughout the piece lifted the audience's spirits. The company put their own twist on the text with masterful comic timing, finding humour in the simplest of actions.

Overall, DYT's production of "buckets" was a moving, thought provoking and relevant piece of theatre, of which the cast and crew should be very proud.

An Evening of Improvisation From Around the World

ACCLAIMED Bridport based musician Jim Dvorak is bringing together a host of outstanding musicians to perform a mouth-watering evening of music from around the globe.

Following the very popular evening they put together for a delighted audience at The Lyric Theatre last summer, Jim's group OTM returns to the unique Bridport venue on Thursday, July 13th, with friends old and new.

OTM (Of The Moment) are: Jim Dvorak (on trumpet), Robert Jarvis (trombone), Harrison Smith (saxophones and bass clarinet) and Tim Hill (saxophones). OTM is a unique and exciting wind ensemble whose members' combined musical experience covers many genres, including South African and contemporary jazz, contemporary classical, composing for art installations, 18th century English rural music, funk and street bands.

The evening will also include a solo, two duos and a trio. Sitar player Ricky Romain, who will perform solo, has been studying, performing, and teaching the classical music of North India for over 40 years. Balancing a passion for improvisation and virtuosic flair with a deep soulfulness, he has mesmerised numerous audiences with the shimmering, iridescent sounds of the sitar.

Ricky will then perform as a duo with bass guitarist Steve Scott. Together they will whip up a cocktail of jazz and jazz funk, and contemporary improv to produce a truly 'new world' mix rarely heard live. The second duo features Ricky on sitar with Harrison Smith on saxophone and bass clarinet. Ricky's music will centre around an Indian classical music style and will combine with Harrison Smith's unique blend of contemporary jazz, South African and contemporary classical music.

Rounding off the evening, a trio bringing together the talents of Jim Dvorak, Robert Jarvis and Steve Scott combines classical and jazz influences with steaming funk and classical bass guitar subtleties.

These five musicians guarantee a scintillating evening for all who attend!

Tickets, £12, are available from BearKat Bistro and Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

■ Ricky Romain

Summer events at Seaton Tramway

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Pirate Fares: Adult £12.95, Child (3-15yrs) £9.50, Under 3s FREE

Not to be missed this summer is the wonderful Dinosaur Tram Adventure! Families and children are sure to enjoy this adventure-filled tram ride with music, stories, fossil dig and dinosaur activity area at Colyton Station. Help Professor Percival the Palaeontologist uncover the secrets of a land that time forgot and fulfil a mission to make contact with some forgotten species. Children will also receive a dinosaur goody bag. Departing from Seaton: 23rd & 30th July, every Sunday in August plus Bank Holiday Monday.

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Dorchester Arts Open Exhibition

COME and enjoy some of the best visual art talent Wessex has to offer in this exhibition of work from the 7th Dorchester Arts Open competition. Entries include paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and mixed media works, and most are for sale.

The prizes for this popular competition include a winner's exhibition at Duke's Gallery, Brewery Square during Dorset Art Weeks 2018, £250 cash and a feature in Evolver magazine.

This biennial art exhibition has grown consistently over the years and the 2017 Open attracted entries from 80 artists. Work includes both amateur artists and well-known names, making the show a wonderful opportunity for local people and visitors alike to discover the wealth of artistic talent the region has to offer.

Dorchester Arts Artistic Director, Mark Tattersall commented "The range of work submitted for this exhibition is always extraordinary: as well as paintings, prints, drawings and photos we see artists using materials such as textiles and paper in the most imaginative ways. We are also delighted that this year submissions include 3-dimensional work, as the exhibition has moved from the now disused Dorchester Arts Centre to the more flexible space at Duke's Gallery, near Brewery Square"

The exhibition runs from Wednesday 12 July to Friday 28 July (Mon-Fri: 9am-5.30pm, Sat 22 July only: 9am-12noon) at Duke's Gallery, Brewery Square. Admission to the exhibition is FREE.

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NEW

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NEW

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A Well Presented Modern Terraced Home over Three Floors within Half a Mile of the Town. Top Floor Master Bedroom with Lovely Views, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen and Conservatory. Very Neat Enclosed Back Garden with Rear Access. Allocated Parking and NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC: D

NEW PRICE

AXMINSTER £239,000

A Pretty Three Bedroom Modern Detached House within about Half a Mile of the Town Centre with Parking, Garage and Very Pleasant Outlook over a Meadow. En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room and Enclose Rear Garden. EPC: C

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BEER £239,950

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SEATON £279,950

NEW

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SEATON £650 PCM

NEW PRICE

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Axminster **£550 pcm**

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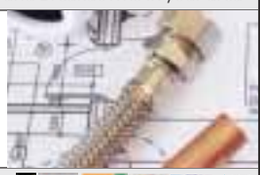

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Even better value for a best seller: The updated Golf

VOLKSWAGEN is celebrating the news that the updated Golf is Britain's best-selling car with a raft of compelling, limited time, new offers on the car at participating Retailers nationwide further enhance the Golf's appeal this month.

Until Monday 24 July customers can benefit from a generous £1,500 deposit contribution at 4.9 per cent APR representative when opting for a Volkswagen Financial Services' Solutions Personal Contract Plan on their new Golf. In addition, the car's first two services are included at no extra cost, underlining the strong package the Golf Event offers to customers.

The new offer applies to all Golf hatchback (e-Golf excluded) and Estate models, including the dynamic range of Performance Golfs: the GTD, GTI, GTI Performance, R and the hybrid GTE and GTE Advance.

An iconic car almost since its launch 43 years ago, the Golf has always combined quality and versatility with a comprehensive list of equipment. From its debut in March this year, the latest model continues this trend. Among the features of the updated Golf are new engines, more technology, improved connectivity and revised styling.

Value is the other key ingredient in the enduring appeal of the Golf and, despite the considerable enhancements to the updated model, it is on average priced around £650 lower than the previous model. The broad range starts with the Golf S at just £17,765 (OTR RRP), or £19,470 (OTR RRP) in Estate form.

Among other things, a generous list of standard equipment sets the Golf apart from the pack. Every updated Golf now includes a three-year/60,000-mile warranty, Electronic Stability Control, ASR traction control, a Driver Alert system and an electronic button-operated handbrake as standard.

The equipment continues with City Emergency Braking, a system that safely slows the car to a standstill if a pedestrian steps out in front of it. Alongside that is Front Assist, which uses radar to monitor the gap to the car in front and will apply the brakes if a collision is imminent.

Volkswagen's commitment to providing the best in-car connectivity is reaffirmed via the eight-inch colour touchscreen that provides the interface to the Composition Media infotainment system. This features DAB digital radio, a CD player, a Bluetooth connection to pair two mobile devices with the car and a variety of other features too.

Climbing through the range, the Golf SE includes Adaptive Cruise Control, 16-inch alloy wheels, automatic windscreen wipers, automatic lights and parking sensors. The Golf SE also features Volkswagen's Driver Personalisation system. This means the car will remember up to four profiles and will adjust the radio station pre-sets, phone connectivity and contacts, and addresses in the navigation system to the personal profile the driver selects in the car menu.

Golf SE Navigation is additionally equipped with, among much else, the Discover Navigation satellite navigation system; while the GT adds styling details and the R-Line has a sport-focused styling pack that includes unique front and rear bumpers, a rear roof spoiler and side skirts. Available as an option is the Discover Navigation Pro system with a 9.2-inch touchscreen and, for the first time in this class, Gesture Control that allows convenient menu browsing with the swipe of a hand.

At the top of the Golf range is the proven line-up of Performance Golfs. These are the thrilling GTD, GTI, GTI Performance and 4MOTION-equipped Golf R. Each of these models now includes a 12.3-inch colour TFT Active Info Display screen in place of traditional analogue instruments.

That broad range of trims is matched by a comprehensive engine line-up. The range starts with the 1.0-litre TSI unit that has an output of 85 PS and a CO_2 figure of just 108 g/km. Fuel economy is strong, too, at 58.9 mpg on the combined cycle. This engine has been widely praised due to its driveability and effortless performance.

Available for the first time in Golf is the new 1.5-litre TSI EVO engine. Offered in two versions, it appears in frugal 130 PS form in the Golf SE and SE Navigation, and in the more potent 150 PS guise in GT and R-Line trims.

Looking at the Performance Golfs, the GTD has a 2.0-litre TDI with 184 PS and the inimitable Golf GTI's 2.0-litre TSI engine is good for 230 PS. This is the same figure as the GTI Performance from the previous model. Today's Golf GTI Performance has an output of 245 PS, while sitting at the top of the Golf tree is the all-wheel drive Golf R with an output of 310 PS from its 2.0-litre TSI engine.

Also included in the comprehensive Golf Event offer is the forward-thinking Golf GTE. This model has a plug-in petrol-electric hybrid powertrain and is available as a five-door hatch only. It combines outstanding economy with crisp performance through its dual petrol and electric motors. CO_2 is an ultra-low 38 g/km* and the combined fuel consumption figure is an impressive 166.2 mpg*.

The updated Golf GTE includes Active Info Display, the Composition Media infotainment system, 2Zone climate control and a GTE styling pack. Volkswagen also offers the GTE Advance model, which adds Discover Navigation, 18-inch 'Marseille' alloy wheels, heated seats, e-sound and tinted windows.

The GTE ensures that as well as being the best-selling car in the UK last month, the Golf is the only car currently on sale here available with either a petrol, diesel, petrol-electric hybrid or all-electric drivetrain.

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The new Audi A8 – the future of the luxury class

TODAY is where the future begins in the luxury class: The new Audi A8 makes its world debut at the Audi Summit in Barcelona. In its fourth generation, the flagship model again sets the benchmark for Vorsprung durch Technik with a new design language, an innovative touchscreen operating concept and systematic drivetrain electrification. The Audi A8 is also the first production car in the world to have been developed for highly automated driving. From 2018, Audi will gradually be taking piloted driving functions such as parking pilot, garage pilot and traffic jam pilot into production.

Doyen of style: The exterior design

The new Audi A8 is stylistically defining – it signals the beginning of a new design era for the entire brand. The front end with its wide, upright Singleframe grille and the fluid, muscular body convey power, elegance, sophistication and modernity, and deliver on the promise made by the Audi prologue design study. The luxury saloon makes a suitably emphatic statement whether in 5.17-metre 'standard' form or as the A8 L, which has a 13 centimetre longer wheelbase.

The Audi brand is renowned worldwide for consistent innovation in design and engineering, for lightweight construction and for quattro permanent all-wheel drive – and every facet of the new A8 reflects these values.

The balanced proportions emphasise all four wheels in equal measure, and the muscular definition above the wheel arches gives visual expression to the quattro drive. Viewed side-on, the upright front end combined with the gently inclined rear create visual tension which is intensified, particularly at night, by the striking HD Matrix LED headlights with Audi laser lighting, and the LED light strip combined with OLED technology at the rear. These produce unique light animations as the driver approaches and leaves the car.

Luxury from head-to-toe: The interior

Space is often considered to be the ultimate luxury, and compared to its predecessor the new A8 has grown substantially in length in both body styles. Occupants can also now relax in even more sublime surroundings, with every detail radiating superlative bespoke quality – from the perforation in the seat upholstery to the electrically opening and closing shutters on the air vents.

The most sought-after seat in the new Audi flagship model could quite possibly be the rear left – the optional relaxation seat in the A8 L that comes with four different adjustment options and a footrest. In this seat, the passenger can warm and massage the soles of their feet on a unit with multiple settings incorporated into the back of the front-passenger seat. The new comfort head restraints complete the experience. Rear passengers can also control an array of functions such as ambient lighting, the new HD Matrix reading lights and seat massage, and can make private phone calls via a separate operating unit. The rear seat remote control, with its smartphone-size OLED display, is a removable unit housed in the centre armrest.

Mild hybrid and e-tron

The new A8 makes its debut with two extensively reengineered V6 turbo engines: a 3.0 TDI and a 3.0 TFSI. The diesel develops 286PS, and the petrol version 340PS. An eight-cylinder TDI – a 4.0-litre with 435PS – will follow slightly later. The exclusive top engine version is the W12 with a displacement of 6.0 litres.

All five engines operate in conjunction with a belt alternator starter (BAS), which is the nerve centre of the 48-volt electrical system. This mild hybrid technology (MHEV, mild hybrid electric vehicle) enables the car to coast with the engine switched off, and to restart smoothly. It also has an extended start/stop function and an energy recovery output of up to 12 kW. The combined effect of these measures is to bring down the fuel consumption of the already efficient engines even further – by as much as 0.7 litres for every 100 kilometres (62.1 miles) covered in real world driving conditions.

The A8 L e-tron quattro with its powerful plug-in hybrid drivetrain will follow at a later date: Its 3.0 TFSI engine and powerful electric motor achieve 449PS of system power and 700 Nm (516.3 lb-ft) of system torque. The lithium-ion battery stores enough power for about 31 miles of electric driving. It can optionally be charged by Audi Wireless Charging. A pad in the garage floor transfers the power inductively to a receiver coil in the car with a power output of 3.6 kW.

The new Audi A8 and A8 L are being built at the Neckarsulm plant in Germany and will be appearing on UK roads in late 2017 following initial availability for ordering in September.

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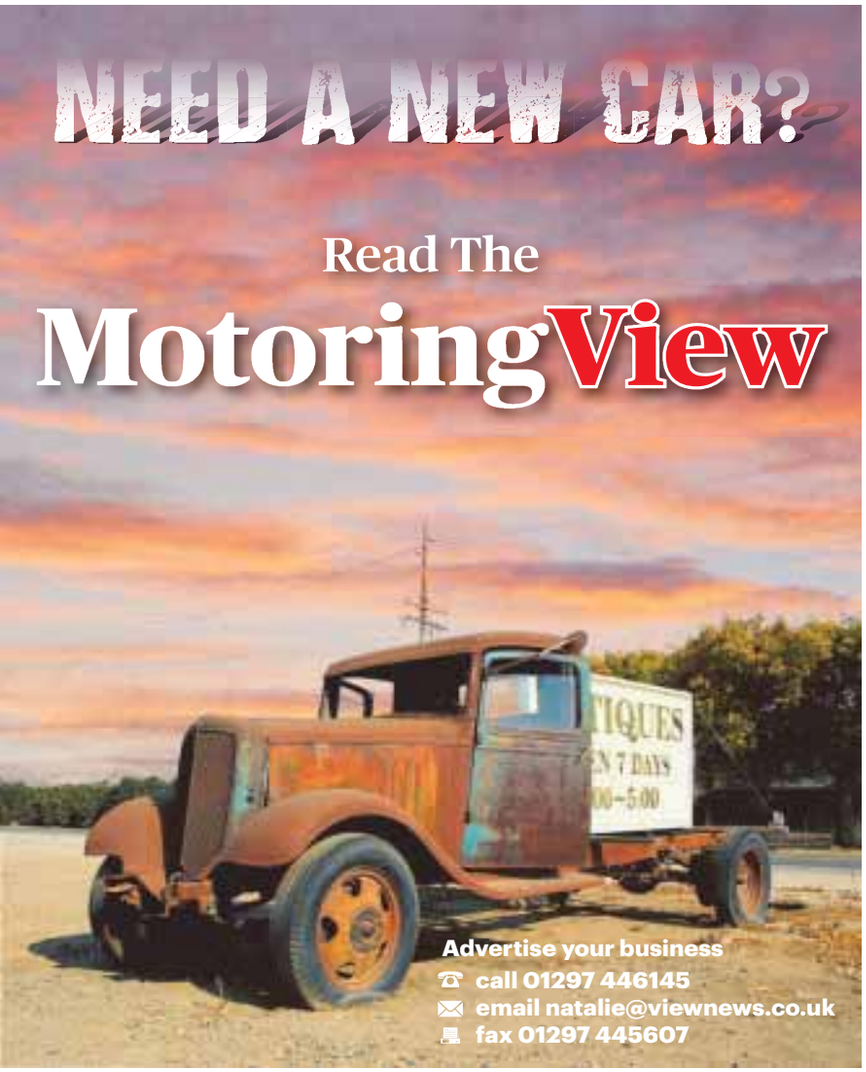

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Pre-season Dorset Football news

Bowles named Magpies captain

GARY Bowles has been named as Dorchester Town's new team captain. The 29-year-old succeeds Nathan Walker who has moved to Hamworthy United, although he is likely to sign dual registration forms with the Magpies.

The ex-Yeovil Town defender joined Dorchester Town in 2006 on loan from the Glovers before signing a permanent deal a year later.

After moving to AFC Bournemouth in 2011 he returned briefly in 2016 before returning to The Avenue in March this year.

Bowles led the side for the first time at Bradford Town in the Magpies first pre-season friendly on Monday evening which the hosts won 2-0.

Laird played a mixture of current squad players together with a number on new signings and trialists as the county town looked to get back into competitive action, something he will repeat on Friday when they visit Melksham Town.

One of those who took part was Tom Bearwish who is on Eastleigh's books and played a number of games on dual registration for Portland United last season

The Magpies boss said: "It was nice to get a run-out and have a look at a couple of players. Tom is one we are looking at perhaps getting on loan.

"We've put two squads together for each game and this is a chance to look at different players.

Unfortunately we picked up a couple of injuries which didn't help us."

Ross Carmichael was taken off as a precaution with a hamstring problem, as were Tom Blair (tight calf after dead leg) and Jason Brooks who was carrying an injury.

"They're not serious but just disrupt what you are trying to do. Bradford are a decent side and been around together for a while which is something we are looking to building towards.

"The first couple of friendlies you don't look much at the results, you are looking to stretch the legs and give people some game time and try things out.

"As a result you lose some continuity, but overall I'm pleased with what I saw."

Meanwhile, Ryan Dovell has joined the Magpies as a player and assistant-manager for the club's reserves under boss Rich Robson.

Dovell who will be 37 next month spent two seasons at The Avenue some 12 years ago, but now returns having had previous experience in a player-coach position after undertaking a similar job during ex-Bees boss Trevor Senior's tenure at St Mary's Field.

Terras fill keeper vacancy

WEYMOUTH filled one of the important outstanding positions left in their squad with the signing of AFC Bournemouth keeper Mark Travers on a long-term loan.

Travers joined the Cherries last year and is part of their under-21 squad, and has already represented the Republic of Ireland at youth level and is currently part of the Irish under-21 set up.

Manager Mark Moseley worked with him last season and believes he has a great future ahead of him, and his experience playing at Weymouth at senior level regularly can only enhance his prospects.

With Jason Matthews having left the club, the Terras had no experienced keeper, so Travers signing will fill this position.

Terras take on the Bulls

WEYMOUTH are scheduled to travel to Edgar Street to take on Hereford in the first qualifying round of this season's FA Trophy. The Bulls host the Terras on Saturday, October 28th.

Dorchester Town have received a home tie in the same competition.

They will host Basingstoke Town at the Avenue on the same day.

Portland United have to travel to Plymouth Parkway on their return to the FA Cup They play their extra preliminary round on Saturday, August 5th, and should they be successful will welcome Paulton Rovers to Grove Corner two weeks later.

Bridport also have to travel west to AFC St Austell in the same competition, with the winners hosting either Street or Hallen.

■ **ARMBAND:** Newly appointed Dorchester Town FC captain Gary Bowles

Dorchester & District Snoker League awards evening

WDC's ace Wellman among the cups again

THE Dorchester & District Snooker & Billiards League recently held its Annual General Meeting at the Colliton Club, Dorchester.

As part of the proceedings, Mike Halford, from League Sponsors M&M Commercials, presented the trophies for the 2016-2017 snooker season. Due to a lack of entries, no billiards season was staged this year.

Presentations were made to the following;

Premier League – Wset Dorset Club A, runners-up; Colliton Hopefuls.

Team Open Cup winners West Dorset Club A, r-up; Trinity M.

Team Handicap Cup winners Trinity M, r-up;West Dorset Club A.

Individual Open trophy winner Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A), r-up; Mark Beale (Colliton XQ2016).

Individual Handicap Trophy winners Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A), r-up; Martin Pike (Purbeck Potters).

Open Pairs Trophy winners Graham Bartlett & Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A, r-up; Martin Pike & Keith Emery (Purbeck Potters).

Top Break; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 76.

The new snooker season, which will again be sponsored by M & M Commercials, is planned to provisionally start on Monday, September 25th.

The closing date for entries for the season is Monday, July 31st. New teams are very welcome.

■ **WELL DONE:** League President and Sponsor, Mike Halford, (left) presents the Trinity M team of David Matthews, Colin Matthews (Not present Nick Joslin & Ryan Matthews) with the Team Handicap Knock-out Cup. The team were also runners-up in the Team Open Knock-out Cup.

◆ **TOP MAN:** Mike Halford (left) presents his team-mate, Evan Wellman, with the Individual Open & Handicap Knock-out trophies and the Open Pairs Knock-out Shield, which he won with Graham Bartlett. Evan also scooped the Top Break Award and was a member of the West Dorset Club A League winning team.

◆ **CHAMPS:** League Chairman, Alan Cottee, presents the League trophy to the West Dorset Club A team. The team also won the Team Open Knock-out Cup and were runners-up in the Team Handicap Knock-out Cup. From Left: Mike Halford, Evan Wellman, Alan Cottee (Not present: Graham Bartlett & Mike Woodroffe)

A view from the Boundary WITH STUART BROOM

Adkins hoists PRT to dramatic victory

Dorset Saturday tables

Premier	Pld	Pts
Swanage	10	169
Broadstone	10	166
DORCHESTER	10	141
Poole Town	10	139
Sherborne	10	130
Wimborne & C'hill	10	125
Stalbridge	10	115
Shroton	10	88
MARTINSTOWN	10	88
Shillingstone	10	43

Division One	Pld	Pts
Bere Regis	10	192
Christchurch	10	151
CATTISTOCK	10	148
Cerne Valley	10	144
Hamworthy Rec	10	130
WEYMOUTH	10	124
Poole Town II	10	111
Parley	10	96
Wimborne & C II	10	77
Broadstone II	10	71

Division Two	Pld	Pts
PORTLAND RT	10	174
Compton House	10	163
Witchampton	10	154
Blandford	10	148
Marnhull	10	132
Ferndown Wayf	10	102
Cranborne	10	99
Stalbridge II	10	94
Sherborne II	10	61
Shillingstone II	10	57

Division Three	Pld	Pts
CHARLTON DOWN	10	196
DORCHESTER II	10	152
Sturminster Marsh'	10	148
Ashmore	10	137
BEAMINSTER	10	122
Kingston Lacy	10	120
Dorset Indian Tigers	10	111
Hamworthy Rec II	10	102
Wimborne & C III	10	72
Poole Town III	10	43

Division Four	Pld	Pts
PUDDLETOWN	9	147
Shaftesbury	9	141
Corfe Mullen	9	140
Sturminster & Hintn	9	118
RS Sports	9	100
ABBOTSBURY	9	95
Chalke Valley	8	88
Wareham	9	81
Cerne Valley II	9	76

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Swanage II	8	145
PORTLAND RT II	8	126
Witchampton II	8	109
Broadstone III	8	109
Blandford II	8	105
MARTINSTOWN II	8	89
Marnhull II	8	86
Poole Town IV	8	-45

Division Six	Pld	Pts
Bere Regis II	7	127
Bradford Abbas	8	125
SYMENE	8	115
Wimborne & Col IV	8	80
WEYMOUTH II	7	71
Bournemouth	8	70
Stalbridge III	8	35
Winton	8	26

Dorset Sunday tables

Division One	Pld	Pts
Sherborne	7	135
Dewlish	7	94
Corfe Mullen	6	89
Old Blandfordians	6	86
Pokesdown Willows	7	79
CHARLTON DOWN	7	35
PORTLAND RT	6	22

Division Two	Pld	Pts
WEYMOUTH	8	128
Broadstone	8	123
Hamworthy	8	107
Milborne Port	7	103
Witchampton	8	90
Dorset Indians	7	77
Cheselbourne	6	39
Lytchett	8	31

DAVE Adkins was the star of Portland Red Triangle 2nds' victory over Martinstown 2nds at The Reforme, smashing a six off the last ball.

Adkins batting performance was matched by an equally brilliant bowling display from Red Triangle's first team bowler Simon Proffitt who took seven Cranborne wickets as PRT squeezed home in a low scoring victory.

Elsewhere, Martinstown upset the formbook by gaining revenge on Dorchester for their opening day defeat.

Dorset Funeral Plan League Premier League

MARTINSTOWN (19) 213 BEAT DORCHESTER DORCHESTER (8) 160 BY 53 RUNS

AS Sam Kershaw trudged wearily back to the pavilion in the searing heat at Lower Ashton Farm it appeared as if Martinstown might be heading for possible defeat against neighbours Dorchester.

Kershaw had taken the game to the county town, hitting 11 fours in his 55 before he was trapped lbw by George Foot having scored half his side's total of 102-6.

However, John Stewart (26), and particularly Ryan Chase (36), produced a hard-hitting riposte as they set about the visitors bowling; Chase's huge flashing top edge that flew for six behind the wicket a good example.

With Matt Camp (27) also in good form the tail wagged as they finally were bowled out for 213 with four balls left.

Early on the Dorchester bowlers, particularly Dan Belt 0-9 from seven overs; Josh Richardson (4-48) and Jack Walklett (3-20) had control.

Chris Read (3-16) put the visitors on the back foot from the start in reply claiming openers Belt (8) and Nick Roe (4), and despite resistance from captain Simon Mitchem (34) when he claimed Will McKay for a duck they were 52-3.

Kershaw (3-43) then had success with the ball removing mainstay Mitchem, and although five other batsmen got into double figures, Chase (3-48) helped gain revenge for their opening day defeat as Dorchester were dismissed for 160, 53 runs short of their target.

County Division One

BROADSTONE 2ND (8) 159 ALL OUT LOST TO CATTISTOCK (20) 214 ALL OUT BY 55 RUNS

STEVE Tucker sound 68 was the basis for this victory over bottom side Broadstone 2nds.

Struggling at 22-2, having lost Jon Legg (2) and Brad Johns (5), Tucker joined newly promoted opener Billy Walbridge (38) and they started to rebuild the innings. With Joe Baggs (26) and a number of others chipping in, the visitors reached 214 in the allocated overs.

Opener Greg Parsons proved the stumbling block for Cattistock, as Broadstone reached 93-2 in reply.

His unbeaten 80 constructed almost entirely of boundaries (18x4), and partnership with Simon Leadbetter (26) looked ominous.

But Legg (4-27) struck with three wickets in an over. With Brad Damen (3-43) and Ollie Lee (2-28) sharing the load the dismissed their hosts for 159 and a 55 run victory.

WEYMOUTH (3) 105 ALL OUT LOST TO CERNE VALLEY (19) 108-5 BY 5 WICKETS

CAPTAIN Simon Browne had no excuses for his sides five wicket defeat:"We were beaten by the better side, and sometimes you have to hold your hand up and admit they were too good for us on the day."

Despite once again failing to set a reasonable target, the top of the order were not guilty of giving their wickets away.

Opening bowlers Mark Whitmarsh (2-22) and Pearce Mercer (2-23) soon had Weymouth in trouble at 34-3.

They did rally thanks to an unbeaten 32 from Dom Webb, but could only muster 105 all out as Mike Collinge weighed in with 3-13 from nine overs.

In reply, all the visiting top four made starts despite a fine bowling performance from John Ryan who picked up 4-34, and they won with five wickets to spare.

Browne said: "I was really impressed by their opening bowling pair, there as good as we have met this season and we couldn't deal with it, and Tony Quayle, Dean Janaway and myself were all out to really decent balls. If we had made 150 we might have made a game of it. We got them five down and there wasn't a huge amount of batting left.

One positive was the form of 17-year-old Webb. Browne said: "Dom batted really well; he hasn't been available regularly, but showed a lot of promise and he can bowl a bit as well."

County Division Two

CRANBORNE (3) 98 LOST TO PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE (18)100-7 BY 3 WICKETS

UNFORTUNATELY it is impossible to give Simon Proffitt full recognition for the seven wickets he took in this PRT victory as neither have the hosts displayed the scorecard on the website, nor has PRT skipper Gary Randall access to the club's hand written version.

Having elected to bat, Cranborne were soon in trouble as Proffitt knocked over the top five home batsmen, including a hat trick, with just 30 on the board in six overs.

Despite resistance from one player who scored freely, when Jon Cameron produced the ultimate seamers delivery that clipped the top of his off-stump, the rest capitulated.

Profitt added two more victims and Matt Barrett finished them off taking the last two wickets in his first over.

The casual approach taken with such a low total to chase almost backfired, and it needed the experience of Gary Randall and Callum Laws (30) to steady the ship.

Even so, at 70-7 PRT were in danger losing what should have been an easy victory before Rich Samuels' (20*) helped Barrett (30*) to get them over the line.

County Division Three

BEAMINSTER (20) 233 ALL OUT POOLE TOWN 3RD (5) 62 ALL OUT BY 171 RUNS

BEAMINSTER proved too strong for Poole Town 3rds as they won by 171 runs at the Memorial Ground.

After posting a competitive 233 in their innings, the Beaminster bowlers ran through the visitors batting line up in just 22.2 overs.

The highlight of Beaminster's innings was an explosive 85 runs from Cameron Lucas who smashed 14 boundaries to all parts.

Nearly everyone made a contribution, but particularly Nick Hollely with 31 and Justin Gurd (26) in the middle order.

After scoring 26 in the first five overs, the Poole innings subsided in dramatic fashion with only Rob Hellawell (22) contributing.

William Moss was the pick of the bowlers as he recorded his best figures of 4-18 from seven overs, whilst Francis Medley conceded just three runs from his seven overs and took two wickets.

Nick Hollely (2-16) and Dave Percy (2-0 from two balls) were the other wicket takers as Poole collapsed to a heavy defeat.

DORCHESTER 2ND (4) 175 LOST TO CHARLTON DOWN (20) 176-0 BY 10 WICKETS

CHARLTON Down completed the double over neighbours Dorchester 2nds with an emphatic 10-wicket victory at The Rec.

Dorchester's innings started slowly against the accurate bowling of Matt and Dan Stevens, the former bowling Josh Foot (5) before removing Dorchester's in-form captain Mike Peak. Dan Stevens then bowled the dangerous Peter Diffey to leave the county town 34-3.

A useful partnership of 44 between Simon Joslin (13) and Stuart Beasley was ended with the change of bowling that saw Joslin and Matt Porter both caught off the bowling of James Pretty (2-24).

◆ **SEAM UP:** Adam Weir took 2 for 24 in Puddletown's 10-wicket thrashing of Abbotsbury. *Photo by STUART BROOM*

Beasley's innings of 68 (12x4) came to an abrupt end when he just missed a straight one from Tommy Tucker. Sam Roles then removed his pads to claim Eiron Fitzgerald and Habib Wardak as Dorchester collapsed to 129-8.

However, the talented Ollie Osborne (40), showed his more senior players how to bat with a mixture of a perfect defence to lovely straight driving and improvised shots that was pleasing to the eye and ably supported by Ben Alford who ably held up his end with solid defence, the partnership added 40 valuable runs to ensure a competitive score of 175 was set.

The Charlton Down reply was very impressive from openers Jae Miller (71*) and Jack Eveleigh (77*). A chanceless partnership of 176 lasting over two and half hours saw Charlton down to victory with 10 overs remaining.

Miller and Eveleigh's trademark running between the wickets, kept the scoreboard moving.

Eveleigh's straight and cover driving was pleasing to the eye as he caressed the ball to the boundary including 12 fours. Miller was more careful but did include the only six of the match and included six fours.

Captain Tommy Tucker said: "I am extremely pleased with the result and to complete our first double of the season.

"It was good to see Dorchester's 15-year-old Nathan Quinn given a chance to bowl, he looks a promising youngster."

County Division Four

ABBOTSBURY (4) 155-9 LOST TO PUDDLETOWN (19) 156-0 BY 10 WICKETS

A FINE unbroken first wicket partnership between Albie Stevens and Lucas Allen won this match against a depleted Abbotsbury side, a result which sees Puddletown back on top spot following Wareham's surprise win at former league leaders Shaftesbury.

The hosts won the toss and elected to bat, but tight accurate bowling by Adam Weir (2-24) and David Morris (3-11 from eight) restricted Abbotsbury to a score of 58-4 at the halfway mark of their innings.

However, Nick Kneebone (32) led some stout resistance, aided by Ashley Harrow (16), but after Kneebone's departure, the Swans were unable to build any big partnerships and the unrelenting Puddletown attack had reduced the Swans to 91-7 by the 30th over.

However, the Abbotsbury tail wagged, with 37 runs contributed from the unlikely source of Jay Lintern, who hit five boundaries including one mighty six in an entertaining knock. Grafton Straker (12) also reached double figures as the Swans completed their innings on 155-9.

With a modest total to protect, Abbotsbury needed to make inroads into the opposition batting but early chances were squandered as the visitors' opening pairing of Albie Stevens (77*) and Lucas Allen (59*) made a steady start to their reply against challenging bowling by Grafton Straker and Simon Pengelly,

But Stevens was dropped at cover and, with some uncertain calling between the Puddletown batsmen, several run out opportunities were not taken.

The Puddletown batsmen were content with ticking the scoring over at the required rate and they reached the target with nearly seven overs to spare.

County Division Five

PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 2ND (18) 184-6 BEAT MARTINSTOWN 2ND (8) 183-7 BY 4 WICKETS

DAVE Adkins smashed a dramatic last ball six to give PRT victory over Martinstown.

Needing 16 off the final over, and six from the last ball, Adkins who finished unbeaten on 93 lifted the ball back over the bowlers head and the boundary.

Martinstown got off to a good start when they batted with openers James Reynolds (39) and Will Maltby (51) adding 57 for the first wicket before home skipper George Linley-Munro snapped up the former in Tony Morris' first over.

However, at 126-3 they looked set for a reasonable total, before PRT's captain completed the 'Holy Trinity' (a catch with each left, right and both hands) to dismiss Maltby, and their innings finally closed on 183-7.

Natan Cornish (3-27) was the pick of PRT's bowling with Morris (2-36) and Linley-Munro (2-44) also taking wickets.

With openers Ryan Price (12) and Tim Forshaw (12) both back in the hutch with 30 on the board, things did not look so good in PRT's reply, but Adkins dug in, and with good support from his partners who despite not scoring many were able to hang around and rotate the strike sensibly, they edged closer.

It was fitting that Adkins should hit the winning runs to keep his side in the running for promotion.

Steve Bishop (2-26) was the pick of the Martinstown attack.

County Division Six

WINTON (-20) LOST TO SYMENE (20) MATCH FORFEITED

Readers Mid-Wessex Division One

COMPTON DUNDON (19) 175-5 BEAT BROADWINDSOR (6) 172-8 BY 5 WICKETS

BROADWINDSOR suffered another narrow defeat in which Compton opener Ben Chislett's unbeaten 87 proved to be the difference between the sides.

Electing to bat, George Wyrill (22) and Jack Walklett (20) who both ran themselves out, Adam Herring (29), Adrian Waddington (27),were the main contributors for Broadwindsor.

Peter Lindsey (25) and Chislett gave the hosts a solid start, and whilst he was dropped once off a sharp chance, Chislett won them the game with five overs to spare.

Adi Phillips said: " Had we got Chislett earlier it might well have been closer."

Top batting: Dave Adkins (Portland Red Triangle 2nds) 93*; Cameron Lucas (Beaminster) 85; Jack Eveleigh (Charlton Down) 77*; Albie Stevens (Puddletown) 77*; Jae Miller (Charlton Down) 71no; Steve Tucker (Cattistock) 68;

Top bowling: Simon Proffitt (PRT) 7-??; William Moss (Beaminster) 4-18; Jon Legg (Cattistock) 4-27; Josh Richardson (Dorchester) 4-48.

Bowls round-up

Hatters still top despite grounding by Grumblers

THE Grumblers were the toast of the **Bridport & West Dorset Club's Morning League** as they ended the Hatters' 100 per cent winning start. Peter Varney, Kay Cox and Martin Wilton finished 3, 2 to earn a 12-8 win.

However, Hatters still maintain their four point lead after Brian Legg, sub Ann Turtell & Sheila Nicoll beat Supanovas 17-6.

Brian Suffling and Mike Long's Old Timers destroyed the Wickers 21-1 to go third; their four woods again good enough against their opponents three; whilst Chris Thorne, Margaret Fifield & Paul Hallett's 4 Menandalady beat Mannequins 16-10.

Mike Loud, Val & Reg Dodd's Hillbillies drew 14-14 with Bernard Perry, Keven Rendell & Anne Parkins' Scuttlebutts.

Kevin Moys, Phil Hedges & Long's Pirates, are the new leaders of the **Evening League** after a 17-11 win over Butlins following Totties' 15-10 defeat by Gerry Moss, Turtell & Ivor Parker's Chancers

Meanwhile, Lyn Sandall, Phil Tattershall & Eric White's Potters annihilated Lillywhites 20-3, and Thorne, Legg & Peter Hunt's Renegades defeated Wyverns 15-9.

Alan Wotherspoon, Martin Grier & Hugh Rees' Gazelles won 15-8 against Jackpots, and Barry Mapson, Reg Dodd & Geoff Hanson's Dingos were too good for Was-ups, winning 14-11.

Bridport Navy picked up another four points in the County Mixed League beating Moonfleet thanks to a 27-14 win by Moss, Hunt & Sue Walsh's trio.

Sparse yield for Lyme bowlers

THERE was another very poor week for the league teams.

The ladies were whitewashed at Bridport; the championship side managed one point against Blandford and Lyme 2 went one shot better against Wellworthy B. The best result was Lyme against Bridport B in the South Dorset League where the home team secured six points.

The quartet of Barry & Angela Rattenbury and Paul & Judith Moffitt, won the 23-team mixed fours tournament at Sidmouth with plus 35 followed by Castle Cary on 33.

Results: West Dorset Men Div Two - Lyme 46 Wellworthy B 52; S Dowling, A Henson, A Nabarro, R Legg 20-12; B Driscoll, N Solomon, J Beadsley, C Barber 16-17; M Knight, P Stephens, B Parsons, D Meylan 10-23.

Friendlies - Lyme 108 Axminster 36; P Oakley, P Stephens, J Kesterton, B Parsons 22-12; D Mayo, M Heneghan, A Rattenbury, A Weech 24-14; A Darvill, J Owen, N Solomon, P Weech 34-3; B Smith, J Parsons, A Nabarro, B Rattenbury 28-7.

Lyme 76 Honiton 108; J Moon, J Owen, D Courtenay-Smith, A Preece 21-20; P Oakley, D Sarson, P Knight, A Allman 9-20; J Barnish, M Knight, R Turpin, A Nabarro 14-25; D Read, J Barnish, B Smith, Chris Barber 14-23; P Ward, V Henson, B Driscoll, T Allman 18-18.

Lyme 66 Somerton 66; A Darvill, N Solomon, N Benson, A Preece 11-21; D Read, V Henson, R Legg, P Weech 17-15; D Mayo, D Sarson, A Henson, A Weech 18-18; C Elmore, D Courtenay-Smith, A Nabarro, C Barber 20-12.

Ladies keep pressure on leaders

BRIDPORT Ladies kept the pressure on leaders GILLINGHAM with a convincing 80-35 win over Lyme Regis in the DCL Division One to secure eight points; Pamela Daters, Mary Eastman, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick 24-12; Liz Craddock, Marion Carter, Rosemary Brooks & Melodie Watts 32-8; Frances Hewett, Gill Hunt, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp 24-14.

In Division Two bottom side Bridport B were beaten 84-45 by POOLE PARK. But they secured two points thanks to a 27-16 win by Liz Kennedy, Jan Tattershall, Jill Wilcox & Barbara Iverson. Di S Butcher, Margaret Strange, Marion Tocher & Delphine Street 7-38; Jean Seadon, Sheila Jones, Pauline Newitt & Christine Cowdrey 11-28.

In the Men's SDL Division One Bridport A were held to a 60-60 draw by DORCHESTER A. Brian Iverson, Mike Smith, Bob Taylor & Brian Rumble 20-18; Craig Bosher, Tom Tocher, Bill Payne & Chris Thorne 22-23; Dave Roberts, John Carter, Barry Shortland & Brian Conisbee 18-19.

Although Bridport B claimed four points in the SDL Division Two match at the Charlie Mercer Green, where LYME REGIS 2 won 66-52. Dan Hoskins, Brian Stone, Geoff Strange & Clive Langdon 23-20; Sam Dunn, Norman Ludders, Roger Herbert & Dave Robbins 18-13; John Ireland, PeterBillett, Mike Stephenson & Bob Seadon 11-33.

Bridport narrowly lost 50-54 but gained three points against GREENHILL in the Men's DCL Championship Division; Ben Jones, M. Smith, Taylor & Rumble 18-15; Roberts, Payne, Shortland, Conisbee 16-16; Bosher, Tocher, Keith Brooks & Thorne 16-23.

Bridport A fought out an exciting 50-50 draw and banked four points at WEYMOUTH/MELCOMBE REGIS in DCL West One; Chris Taylor, Peter Carnell, Fred Pomeroy & Dave Smith 17-16; Chris Hall, Mike Craddock, Paul Tibble & Mike Soloman 15-15; Roy Lidington, Phillip Wilson, Peter Scott & Ken Sanger 18-19.

Bridport B lost 49-65 to PORTLAND BO in DCL West Two gaining two points. Hoskins, Ireland, Stephenson & Langdon 22-16; Herbert B, Pratt, Strange & Seadon 19-20; Dunn, Roger Smith, Eric Link & Robbins 8-29.

The friendly at TIVERTON was lost 112-107, top rink: Jean Seadon, Pauline Newitt, Mike Smith & Bill Payne 26-12.

The three-triple friendly at CHARMOUTH saw the home side winning on all rinks, maybe the last game to be played there as they are very short of members.

Skittles

AGM Details

BRIDPORT Skittles League AGM is tonight (Wednesday at 8pm at Lord Nelson.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Who's Darted	5	25
The Social Clubbers	5	19
Dat Anchor	5	16
Four Caret Gold	5	15
The Rogers	5	10
Beer on us	5	5

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Warm Up	3	12
Midnight Runners	2	9
Emma's Four	3	8
Mary's Heroes	3	7
Odd Bods	3	6

Lyme Regis Golf

Ace for Wakeling

THE **Coronation Cup** was fiercely contested with Division One going to Colin Beauchamp, 67 nett, closely followed by Mark Lewis, 68 and well deserved return to the podium for Roger Seed, 69.

Beauchamp' gritty 67, the best score of the day was down to playing 18 holes of solid, steady golf.

Division Two was even tighter as the top three all finished on 72 but superior back 9s ensured that Alasdair Maclean won from Mark Thirlwell in second and Patrick Duke third.

The **Seniors' July Stableford** saw John Burden set the field alight to win Division One with the best score of the day – 43 points based on two good birdies on the back nine after a good 21 points going out.

Stuart Briggs was second with 38 points, and Ray |Shinners 3rd on 36.

Division Two was much tighter as Denis McCallum took top spot on countback, after some varied scoring, from Steve Percival, both 38 points, with Gareth Vaughan, 37 in third.

There was joy for Tony Wakeling as he scored a hole-in-one on the eighth.

In the **Midweek Stableford** a birdie on the stroke index 1 seventh hole helped Charles Vane Percy to a winning score of 41 points with Alan Hill, in 2nd on countback from Brian Rees , both with 38 points.

The **Junior Order of Merit** saw two exceptional scores of nett 66 as Casey Gibbons found himself in top spot again as he just beat Mannie Wellman on countback with Bradley Searle in third spot on 71.

Although the **ladies** had no competition they hosted a very successful open day.

Pymore have Premier season

◆ **TOP MEN:** (from left) Brian Tither (Clubman), Tim Hussey (Manager's player & top scorer), Rich Legg (Players' Player & Young Player)

◆ **FIRST TIME:** Players show off their Division One runner-up medals

PYMORE FC recently held their annual presentation night at the Crown Inn. After a season of uncertainty, the team proved everyone wrong by gaining promotion to the Perry Street & District League Premier Divison for the first time, and also reached the Arthur Gage Cup Final.

Striker Timmy Hussey was rewarded with the Manager's Player and Top Scorer awards, whilst midfielder Rich Legg claimed the Players' Player trophy as well as the Young Player. Manager Brian Tither's hard work throughout the season, including running the line every week, was recognised when he was named Clubman of the Year.

Crosby Cup Cricket

Twisters and Vets qualify

WITH the final round robin games of this year's Crosby Cup to be completed this week, Twisters and Chideock Vets have already booked their places in the semi-final of the Cup knock-out stages.

Twisters have qualified from Group A with the winners of Squanderers and Mapperton claiming the second spot.

In Group B Chideock Vets will qualify regardless of the result of their last game, and will be joined by either Full Tossers or White Lion.

The team's that finish third and fourth from each group will take part in the Plate knockout.

Results: Group A: Twisters (53-2) beat Oddfellows (52 all out) by 7 wickets; Mapperton (77 all out) beat Twisters (54 all out) by 23 runs; Mapperton (34-8) beat Bridport Tyres (33 all out) by 2 wickets.

Group B: Full Tossers (176-9) beat Soakers (136 all out) by 40 runs.

Group A	Pld	Pts
Twisters	4	6
Squanderers	3	4
Mapperton	3	4
Oddfellows	3	4
Bridport Tyres	4	0

Group B	Pld	Pts
Chideock Vets	3	6
Soakers	4	4
Full Tossers	2	2
White Lion	2	2
Tiger	3	0

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Rowing medals for Colfox

ONCE again The Sir John Colfox Academy showed their prowess in the County Indoor Rowing Championships held at Bryanston School recently.

The Year 7 Girls; Evie Norton, Jess Barbe-Baker, Katie Evans and Ellie Donoghue; finished runners-up with Barbe-Baker not only crowned county champion, but also achieving national standard, and breaking the school record.

The Year 7 Boys; Dennis Prowse, Sam Devecsery, Harry Courtice and Toby Mann finished fourth, but individually Prowse achieved bronze and broke the school record, just missing sharing silver by a point.

Individual results - Year 7 Girls: 1st: Jess St Barbe-Baker, Sir John Colfox Acad 513; 2nd: Amalie Johnson, Lytchett Minster 505; 3rd: Zosia Kasprzysiak, Lytchett Minster 488

Y7 Boys: 1st: Jaden Head, Harewood College 555; 2nd: Raul-Cristian Mladin, Harewood College 538; 3rd: Dennis Prowse, Sir John Colfox Acad 537.

◆ **CLOSE:** The Year 7 girls team that finished second with county champion Jess Barbe-Baker (far right).

Chambers lead the way

THE latest West Bay Sea Angling Saturday Juniors competitions were dominated by the Chambers brothers, Ewan and Aaron, with the unlucky Eden Lynham the bridesmaid on both occasions.

Saturday June 17th Juniors, East Pier West Bay; Six juniors turned out to fish on this very hot Saturday. It was a tight fight for first until a legal ballan wrasse made an appearance which resulted in victory for Ewan Chambers. Congratulations go to new member Martyn Robinson *(pictured, right)* on his first fish; a flounder of 58g.

Result: 1st Ewan Chambers 285g legal weight (564g overall); 2nd Eden Lynham 465g; 3rd Robbie Hall 193g.

Saturday, July 1st Juniors, East Pier West Bay; Five members and one guest signed on to fish on a sunny but breezy day. Species caught were; weever, wrasse, shanny, blenny, flounder and plaice.

1st Aaron Chambers 299g legal weight (543g overall); 2nd Eden Lynham 199g legal weight (452g overall); 3rd Ewan Chambers 325g. Smallest fish: Ewan Chambers 14g shanny; Biggest fish: Eden Lynham 199g tub gurnard.

The next match is the Frank & Peggy Daw Memorial Trophy on July 15th when the Daw family will be putting up extra prizes. This year's winner will receive a new beach rod and reel.

◆ **FIRST CATCH:** Martin Robinson

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Snooker League award winners celebrate

■ **ACE CUEISTS:** Members of the Dorchester & District Snooker League gathered for the league AGM and Awards evening recently. Pictured above (left); League sponsor (M&M Commericals) and President Mike Halford (left) presents the Purbeck Potters' Martin Pike and Keith Emery with their Open Pairs trophies - Pike was also runner-up in the Individual Handicap Knock-out Trophy. Meanwhile (right). Mr Halford hands out the League runners-up trophies to the Colliton Hopefuls' Len Way, Jim Millican, Paul Way and Barry Webb (not present but also in team: Simon Joslin). *More inside on page 45.*

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